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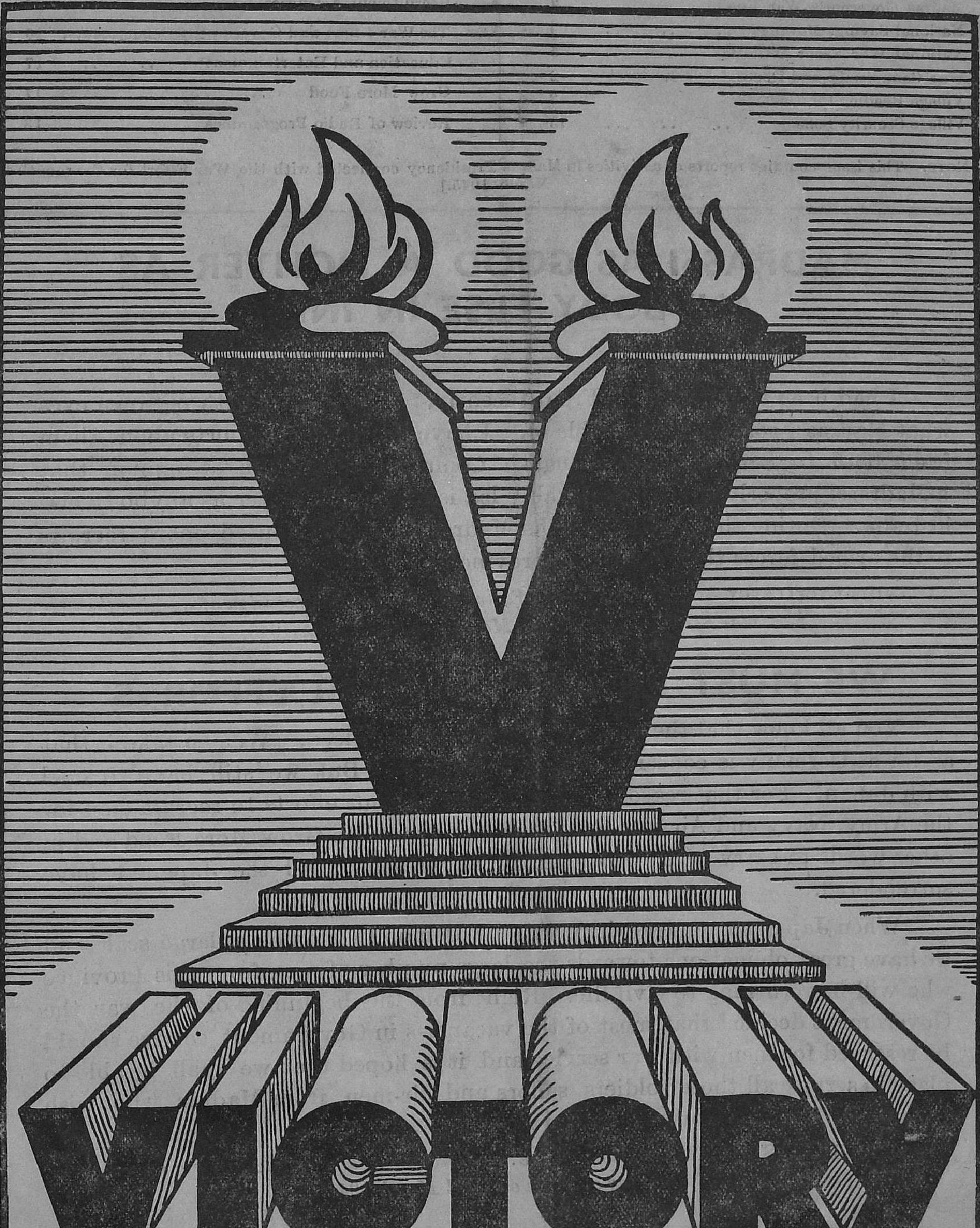

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[NOTE.—This issue contains reports of activities in Madras Presidency connected with the War Effort for the month of March 1945.]

MADRASSI AS GOOD A FIGHTER AS ANYBODY ELSE IN INDIA

I had been to the Arakan Front recently. I have seen with my own eyes what Madrassi soldiers are capable of. I have heard good reports about them from both Indian as well as English Commanders. I am of opinion that a Madrassi properly equipped and ably led is as good a fighter as anybody else in India. During the past 18 months Madras has contributed more recruits to the armed forces than any other province.

—HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR HOPE, *in his speech on the occasion of opening the War Services Exhibition at Madura on 2nd March* 1945.

WE MUST NOT RELAX OUR EFFORTS

You all know that the war is going very well indeed. We can take it that as far as Germany is concerned the war is won. But we still have to deal with Japan. For that reason we must not relax our efforts to recruit men for the Army, Navy and Air Force, to save money and to Grow More Food and in other words to carry on as we are doing at present until the Japanese have surrendered.

When Japan surrenders there will be demobilisation on a large scale and we have great obligations towards the large number of men from this Province who will be returning to civil life. Right from the beginning of the war the Government decided that most of the vacancies in Government service should be reserved for men with war service and it is hoped that we shall be able to place in service all those soldiers, sailors and air-men from Madras who wish to enter or re-enter Government service.

—SIR THOMAS AUSTIN, *Adviser to H.E. the Governor in a speech delivered at the public meeting at Erode on 22nd March* 1945.

NOTICE

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the mufassal districts for publication in the next number of VICTORY.

A Monthly Review of the Madras War Effort

Photo taken on the occasion of the visit of Capt. G. T. B. Harvey, the Provincial Organizer of the National War Front and the Director of War Publicity, to Peddapuram on 12th March 1945. In the group are Capt. Harvey and the members of the National War Front and other war workers.

Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as on 2nd April 1945.

Receipts.

From districts as under (including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund) :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	23,96,979	7	1
Madras	22,63,648	2	7
East Godavari	22,35,864	9	4
Kistna	21,56,162	9	1
West Godavari	21,43,169	14	7
Vizagapatam	18,09,282	11	8
Tanjore	17,74,545	4	8
Guntur	17,14,223	13	3
Tinnevelly	17,07,799	9	8
Madura	15,82,867	5	4
Kurnool	15,22,156	4	10
Ramnad	14,08,868	3	6
Malabar	11,89,197	8	0
Trichinopoly	11,76,634	2	9
North Arcot	11,61,623	7	0
Nellore	10,59,481	8	6
Salem	10,36,128	6	2
South Kanara	8,94,367	9	5
Chingleput	8,93,729	14	3
South Arcot	8,71,249	9	3
Bellary	7,90,776	13	11
Cuddapah	7,69,447	3	5
Anantapur	7,18,446	3	5
Nilgiris	6,86,745	5	8
Chittoor	5,91,680	13	4
Travancore	1,10,776	14	8
Bangalore-Mysore-Coorg	28,680	7	9
Total ..	3,46,89,533	15	1

Disbursements.

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To Air Ministry, London, for cost of Aircraft for Madras Squadrons	1,81,33,333	5	4
To specific charities in accordance with the wishes of donors and to the Joint War Charities Committee	68,76,178	0	11
To Indian Air Force	18,50,000	0	0
To Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers	4,10,000	0	0
To Madras Flying Club on account of Scholarships, Trainer Aircraft Parachutes and other equipment for training flying instructors	3,08,971	3	1
To His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	14,396	11	11
To Relief of evacuees	1,54,166	6	5

Disbursements—cont.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
To Joint War Charities Committee on account of "Amenities for Troops" earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors				40,83,958	10	9
To sundry payments for which sanction has been accorded				93,274	1	1
Total disbursements ..				3,21,76,339	8	0
To cost of Government of India 3 months' Treasury Bills for the face value of Rs. 10 lakhs	9,99,066	6	6			
Balance	15,14,128	0	7			
				25,13,194	7	1
Total ..				3,46,89,533	15	1

His Excellency the Governor's Tour

On March 2nd, His Excellency visited Kottaiyur in the Ramnad district and opened the Al. Valliammal Achi District Board Higher Elementary School at Kottaiyur, endowed by Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiyar. At this function, His Excellency presented the insignia of a title, received an address of welcome from the Ramnad District Board and spoke about the war situation. His Excellency also granted interviews to local non-officials during the visit.

On the same afternoon His Excellency travelled by air to Madura where he declared open the War Services Exhibition which was well-attended. At the opening ceremony His Excellency referred to the war situation and commended the services of Madrassi soldiers on the battlefields, adding that during the preceding eighteen months Madras had contributed more recruits to the armed forces than any other Province. In his concluding remarks, His Excellency appealed to the people to save and invest their money in National Defence Bonds and Savings Certificates. His Excellency returned to Madras from Madura on 3rd March.

On 7th March, His Excellency motored to Vellore from Madras and laid the foundation stone of the first Ex-Servicemen's Centre to be started in the Presidency. Prominent local inhabitants offered garlands to His Excellency en route. His Excellency also granted interviews to local non-officials and returned to Madras on the afternoon of the same day.

The following public subscriptions were presented to His Excellency during the above visits:—

Ramnad—Rs. 3,203.

North Arcot—Rs. 10,000 (ear-marked for the Ex-Servicemen's Centre).

Accompanied by the Honourable Lady Hope, His Excellency visited Bangalore on 14th March and had talks with the acting General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Army, with the Resident in Mysore, and with the Red Cross Commissioner for South East Asia Command in the War Organization of the British Red Cross Society.

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National Savings Movement

The following subscriptions were reported during the month of March 1945 for the various forms of savings:—

	RS.
3 per cent Second Victory Loan, 1959-61	1,14,78,600
National Savings Certificates	47,57,650
Defence Savings Bank Deposits	23,668
Five Year Interest-free prize bonds	1,17,530
Collective subscriptions	3,901

The Government floated a new loan called 3 per cent Second Victory Loan, 1959–61, redeemable at par not earlier than 15th August 1959 and not later than 15th August 1961. Subscriptions were received to this loan with effect from 19th March 1945. The details about this loan were laid down in Government of India Notification No. D-2116-B/45, dated 13th March 1945, copies of which can be had from this office or from district authorities.

The War Services Exhibition held at Madura was between 2nd and 11th of March 1945. A savings stall was opened in the exhibition grounds for popularizing the scheme and for selling National Savings Certificates. Large crowds of people visited this stall and there were good sales of National Savings Certificates and Savings stamps. The amount collected during the exhibition was Rs. 3,69,200.

The Assistant Circle Officer, Madras City, contacted important medical, educational and charitable institutions, banks, firms and many Government offices in connexion with the intensification of the scheme.

The Defence Loans Commissioner and National Savings Circle Officer toured the districts of Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool during the month.

Madras.—The Defence Loans Sub-Committee met on all Wednesdays during the month and transacted routine work.

Bellary (West).—Special attention was paid during the month in stressing on the National Savings Drive by all workers. The visit of the National Savings Circle Officer, Sri P. Krishnamoorthy, helped considerably the campaign.

Arcot (South).—A sum of Rs. 11,78,866 was collected from the beginning of the financial year till 31st March 1945.

Chingleput.—A sum of Rs. 22,39,370 was collected up to 28th March 1945 under this scheme.

Coimbatore.—The total subscriptions received in this district from 25th February to 24th March 1945 towards the National Savings Certificates were Rs. 2,44,935.

The total subscriptions received in this district in the month towards the "3 per cent Victory Loan, 1957" were Rs. 41,09,800. Special steps were taken to intensify the savings movement.

Cuddapah.—Propaganda was done to secure good collections under Victory Loan. The total collections up to the 15th March 1945 were Rs. 21,69,165.

Godavari (West).—An amount of Rs. 3,00,000 was collected in March 1945 towards 3 per cent Victory Loans and an amount of Rs. 3,81,680 was raised towards National Savings certificates. A further amount of Rs. 3,745 was got invested in other forms of loans. The total investments up to the end of March 1945 were Rs. 49,27,279.

Guntur.—Collections towards Victory Loan was in progress. The public were approached to purchase Defence Savings Certificate and National Savings Certificates.

Kurnool.—An amount of Rs. 54,327 was subscribed towards the various forms of Defence Savings during the month.

Tanjore.—Collections for the second 3 per cent Victory Loan, 1959–61, were commenced and they were in progress. The Small Savings Scheme received adequate attention.

Tinnevelly.—Investments in National Savings Certificates and Defence Savings Bank Deposits in the month up to 26th March 1945 amounted to Rs. 1,18,495 and Rs. 1,200, respectively.

Trichinopoly.—Wide propaganda was made by the staff of the National War Front about the National Savings Scheme and the Tahsildars took keen interest in this branch of work. The total collection under the scheme up to the end of February 1945 amounted to Rs. 49,72,782–8–9.

Vizagapatam.—All the Revenue Divisional Officers were instructed to make special efforts in order to have a good collection at the close of the current year (1944–45). An appeal was made by the Collector to all the big and wealthy merchants, contractors and zamindars in the district to invest money in Defence Savings.

3 PER CENT SECOND VICTORY LOAN, 1959–61.

Purchase price of loan of the denominations available.

Date.	100			200			500			1,000.			5,000			10,000			25,000			50,000			1,00,000		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS	A.	P.	RS.	A	P.	RS.	A.	P.
19th to 24th Mar. 1945.	100	2	8	200	5	4	500	13	4	1,001	10	8	5,008	5	4	10,016	10	8	25,041	10	8	50,083	5	4	1,00,166	10	8
26th to 31st Mar. 1945.	100	3	4	200	6	8	501	0	8	1,002	1	4	5,010	6	8	10,020	13	4	25,052	1	4	50,104	2	8	1,00,208	5	4
2nd to 7th Apr. 1945	100	4	0	200	8	0	501	4	0	1,002	8	0	5,012	8	0	10,025	0	0	25,062	8	0	50,125	0	0	1,00,250	0	0
9th to 14th Apr. 1945.	100	4	8	200	9	4	501	7	4	1,002	14	8	5,014	9	4	10,029	2	8	25,072	14	8	50,145	13	4	1,00,291	10	8
16th to 21st Apr. 1945.	100	5	4	200	10	8	501	10	8	1,003	5	4	5,016	10	8	10,033	5	4	25,083	5	4	50,166	10	8	1,00,333	5	4
23rd to 28th Apr. 1945.	100	6	0	200	12	0	501	14	0	1,003	12	0	5,018	12	0	10,037	8	0	25,093	12	0	50,187	8	0	1,00 375	0	0
30th Apr to 5th May 1945.	100	6	8	200	13	4	502	1	4	1,004	2	8	5,020	13	4	10 041	10	8	25,104	2	8	50,208	5	4	1,00 416	10	8
7th to 12th May 1945.	100	7	4	200	14	8	502	4	8	1,004	9	4	5,022	14	8	10 045	13	4	25,114	9	4	50,229	2	8	1,00,458	5	4
14th to 19th May 1945.	100	8	0	201	0	0	502	8	0	1,005	0	0	5,025	0	0	10 050	0	0	25,125	0	0	50,250	0	0	1,00 500	0	0
21st to 26th May 1945.	100	8	8	201	1	4	502	11	4	1,005	6	8	5,027	1	4	10,054	2	8	25,135	6	8	50,270	13	4	1,00,541	10	8
28th May to 2nd June 1945.	100	9	4	201	2	8	502	14	8	1,005	13	4	5,029	2	8	10,058	5	4	25,145	13	4	50,291	10	8	1,00,583	5	4
4th to 9th June 1945.	100	10	0	201	4	0	503	2	0	1,006	4	0	5,031	4	0	10,062	8	0	25,156	4	0	50,312	8	0	1,00,625	0	0
11th to 16th June 1945.	100	10	8	201	5	4	503	5	4	1,006	10	8	5,033	5	4	10,036	10	8	25,166	10	8	50,333	5	4	1,00,666	10	8
18th to 23rd June 1945.	100	11	4	201	6	8	503	8	8	1,007	1	4	5,035	6	8	10,070	13	4	25,177	1	4	50,354	2	8	1,00,708	5	4
25th to 30th June 1945.	100	12	0	201	8	0	503	12	0	1,007	8	0	5,037	8	0	10,075	0	0	25,187	8	0	50,375	0	0	1,00,750	0	0

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The tour of the Director of War Publicity

The Director of War Publicity toured in East Godavari and Vizagapatam districts between 9th and 15th of March 1945. In the former district he inaugurated the refresher classes for Taluk Propagandists, inspected the village guards of Kotipalle, Thalarevu, Kovvur and Kota, opened a Victory House at Peddapur and another at Pithapur, and spoke at a big gathering of students and their parents who had assembled at the U.L.C.M. High School for the school anniversary. He also presided over the school anniversary of the S.V.M. School, Peddapuram, inspected the reading circles of Zellur, Kandarada and Kumarapuram and addressed a public meeting at Pithapur.

In Vizagapatam he inspected the village guards of Gopalapatnam and Malakapuram, the offices of the District Organizer and the Security Supervisor, and presided over a performance of Natali players.

In March 1945 the Director of War Publicity toured in Tanjore district. He inspected the Village Security Guards of Tanjore junction, Nidamangalam and Vallam. He addressed public meetings at Mariammankoil, and Vallam and presided over a Ryots' Conference at Sengipatti.

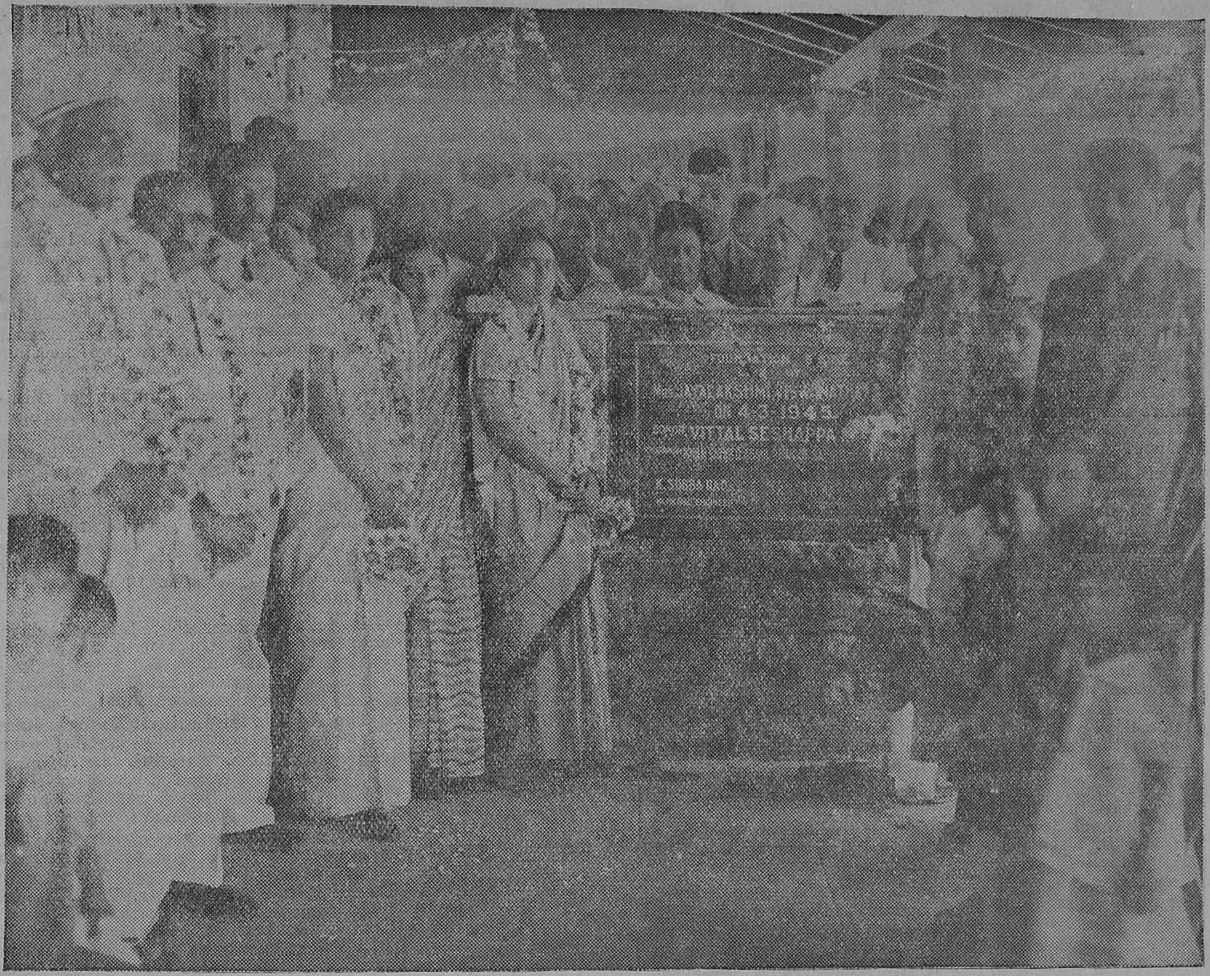

Photo taken on the occasion of laying of the Foundation Stone for the Victory House at Bellary on 4th March 1945 by Mrs. Jayalakshmi Viswanatha Ayyar.

In the photo are seen 2nd on the right the District Organizer, Bellary West, and 5th on the right the District Organizer, Bellary East. Standing on the left: 4th Rao Sahib R. D. Paul, the Collector, Bellary, and next to him Mrs. Paul and Miss Viswanatha Ayyar. Next to the Foundation Stone stands Mrs. Jayalakshmi Viswanatha Ayyar on the left and Sri Vittal Seshappa Setty, the donor, on the right side.

National War Front Activities

MADRAS.—The total number of meetings held in March 1945 was 209. Mr. K. Kalyanasundaram, District Lecturer, addressed 39 meetings; Mrs. T. S. Kunjitham, Lady Lecturer (Telugu), addressed 22 meetings; Mrs. C. Saraswathy, Lady Lecturer (Tamil), addressed 28 meetings; Mrs. Mahaboobunissa Begum, Lady Lecturer (Muslims), addressed 20 meetings; Mr. Ibrahim, Lecturer for Muslims, addressed 19 meetings; Mr. K. Rangappa, Lecturer for Telugu, addressed 15 meetings; Mr. C. M. Shankaralingam, Lecturer for students, addressed 20 meetings; and Mr. S. P. I. Balagurusivam, Lecturer for Scheduled Classes, addressed 46 meetings.

The Ballad Mistress Mrs. S. Lalithakumari sang war songs and ballads in Tamil, Telugu and Urdu at house talks, school meetings and van meetings. The total number of meetings in which she took part was 30.

Mr. A. M. Arokiaswamy Pillai, Honorary Organizer for Tannery Workers, toured the Saidapet and Chingleput taluks in the Chingleput district between the 7th and 26th of March and visited 22 villages and 3 schools. He held talks in all the places which he visited. He also addressed a meeting of Civic Guards.

The first few days in the beginning of the month under review were solely devoted to the W.A.C. (I) Recruitment Drive and a Free Show was given at the New Globe to all lady students of High Schools and Colleges on 4th March 1945. The show was a great success.

From 5th to 10th, both days inclusive intensive propaganda on "Security" conducted by the Inter Services Education Directorate was carried through under the direction of the Deputy Director of War Publicity. Several meetings in different parts of the city which include the special meetings held at the Banqueting and St. Mary's Halls were held. The special meetings were addressed by Lt. Commander Bruce Belferage, R.N.V.R. Free shows were also given at the Casino and Minerva talkies where films on "Security" were shown.

ANANTAPUR.—Intensive propaganda on the war efforts, Abdul Khader, Additional Lecturer for Muslims, toured for the District Collector, his subordinates and Sri Rao Sahib G. Somi Reddi, District Organizer, National War Front, and his staff during the month. The Reading Circles were functioning satisfactorily and the villagers were well informed of the war situation. War literature was distributed widely and posters were exhibited. The District Organizer toured for 15 days, visited 18 places and addressed 17 meetings and inspected 6 Reading Circles. The District Lecturer (Sri S. S. Murthy) toured for 18 days, visited 21 places and spoke in 15 meetings and inspected three Reading Circles. The Lady Lecturer, Gooty (Miss Grace Mercy Manoah) toured for 14 days, visited 13 places and addressed 14 meetings. The Taluk Propagandists and Ballad Master also toured regularly addressing meetings in towns and rural areas on the war situation and on National Savings Scheme and inspecting Reading Circles.

SOUTH ARCOT.—The staff of the National War Front carried on propaganda during the month explaining the war situation and appealing the people to join the Army, Grow More Food, to save and invest money in Government's Bonds and certificates and to understand the value of Government's measures of price control.

Mr. L. K. Govindarajalu, B.A., B.L., District Organizer, toured for 20 days covering four taluks and three sub-taluks visiting 23 villages. He addressed ten public meetings and gave a number of pial talks and inspected 21 Reading Circles. He organized the quarterly Refresher Course at Tindivanam. He also gave a Radio talk on Black Market from the Trichinopoly All-India Radio Station. He attended the meetings of Recruitment Sub-Committee, Technical Selection Committee, the District Food Council and the Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Hoarding and Profiteering.

Sri R. M. L. Pandian, District Lecturer, toured for 22 days visiting 2 towns and 19 villages and inspected 8 reading circles and addressed 21 public meetings and 11 pial talks. He also met 33 soldiers families. At the Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists, he gave three talks. Janab Shaik Abdul Khader, Additional Lecturer for Muslims, toured for

four days in the district. He addressed four public meetings in the month and attended the Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists at which he gave two talks.

Miss L. R. Perianayagam, Lady Lecturer, North Range, toured for 15 days visiting seven villages. She inspected three reading circles, addressed 8 Women's gatherings and gave two pial talks. To do house-to-house propaganda she visited eight houses. She attended the Refresher Course and spoke on four topics. Srimathi K. V. Padmasani, Lady Lecturer, South Range, toured for 13 days, visited ten villages, inspected seven reading circles, addressed six meetings and two pial gatherings. She did house-to-house propaganda in four villages. At the Refresher Course she spoke on three topics. Sri S. Narasimhachariar, Hon. Taluk Organizer, Tindivanam, attended the Refresher Course and spoke on one topic. Sri Balasubramania Pillai, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Vridhachalam, attended the inaugural meeting of the Refresher Course at Tindivanam.

During the month under review the Taluk Propagandists together visited 337 villages, inspected 114 reading circles and a large number of soldiers families. Many of them addressed public meetings on the days of the Refresher Course which was held from the 20th to 23rd March 1945 at Tindivanam.

Sri A. Karunai, Ballad Master, toured with the District Organizer during the greater part of the month being out for 26 days. He visited 23 villages and taught songs to children in 24 schools. He attended the Refresher Course at Tindivanam.

BELLARY (WEST).—The District Organizer of Bellary (West) toured for 13 days and travelled 394 miles and visited nine places, inspected two Victory Houses and five schools and gave seven group talks and addressed four public meetings.

He took part in the unveiling ceremony of the commemoration tablet of the Tungabhadra Project at Mallapuram by His Excellency on the 28th February, the laying of the foundation stone for the Victory House at Bellary by Mrs. Jayalakshmi Viswanatha Ayyar and the cricket field by Mrs. Annie K. Paul on the 4th March.

He attended the village Officers' Conference and the soldiers Board meeting and the conference of the District Organizers and Revenue Divisional Officers in connection with the visit of Mr. P. Krishnamoorthy, National Savings Circle Officer. The Collector presided on all these occasions.

The Kannada Lecturer Sri L. Sreenivasa Rao, toured for 25 days, visited 24 villages and inspected 10 reading circles. He addressed 10 meetings and gave seven talks. He visited various schools also.

Sri Vedi Sreeramulu of Harapanahalli toured for 14 days, visited 14 villages and inspected 7 reading circles. He addressed 7 meetings and gave 7 informal talks. He organized two dramas during the month wherein he delivered lectures to the public on war subjects.

Sri S. Krishnamoorthy, Ballad Master (West), toured for five days in the month. He visited schools in Siruguppa and taught war ballads to the school children. He also taught songs to the dramatic troups in the town. The Taluk Propagandists (five) toured sufficiently, visited 125 villages, inspected 71 reading circles and visited 16 schools.

BELLARY (EAST).—The District Organizer Sri S. R. Vattam toured good number of places, delivered lectures and inspected reading circles and also enquired into the welfare of soldiers' families in several places. The District Lecturer Sri R. Samuel toured for 22 days in 20 villages, addressed 4 meetings, visited 5 reading circles, 9 Soldiers' Families and eight schools. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes Sri K. Venkataramiah toured for 25 days in the three districts of Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool. He toured for six days in Bellary, 11 days in Anantapur and eight days in Kurnool district. In Bellary district he visited four villages, inspected 2 reading circles and held four meetings. He visited schools, and houses of the families of sepoys and enquired into their welfare. The Honorary District Organizer (Bellary), Sri K. M. Karibasava Sastry toured for ten days in ten villages. He gave talks in all the villages and spoke mostly on National Savings Scheme.

The taluk propagandists (6) toured the required number of days, visited numerous villages, addressed over 130 meetings and talks, inspected about 50 reading circles and enquired into the welfare of soldiers families also.

CHINGLEPUT.—Propaganda meetings were held throughout the district as usual in accordance with the programmes drawn up by the Divisional War Committees. Members of the District War Committee conducted the meetings successfully with the co-operation of the staff of the National War Front.

The District Organizer was on tour for 13 days in the month. He toured in three taluks, addressed seven meetings and inspected 8 reading circles. He arranged for a demonstration by the village guards at Chingleput when Miss Harrington, head of the Indian section in the Britain Information Services, Ministry of Information, Washington, visited the district. The District Lecturer, Mr. Sivakumaran toured for 17 days, visited 26 places, delivered 14 lectures and gave 12 talks. He also inspected 3 reading circles and visited six schools.

Mrs. H. K. Philip, Lady Lecturer for the South Range, toured for 18 days and visited 16 villages. She gave 3 talks to school children, 2 to women and 8 to mixed audiences. She also inspected 4 reading circles and visited 25 houses. She collected Rs. 2,000 for National Savings Certificates and persuaded 35 persons to donate blood. Miss N. Karunakara, lady lecturer for the North Range, toured for 12 days, visited 11 villages and gave 4 talks to school children and 8 to mixed audiences. She visited 14 houses and collected Rs. 30 for National Savings Certificates.

Mr. B. Parameswaram, Additional Lecturer for scheduled castes, toured for 10 days, addressed 12 meetings, inspected 9 reading circles and formed 2 National War Front Committees. Mr. S. N. Sankaranagalingam, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Madurantakam, toured for 11 days, delivered 9 lectures and gave two pial talks. He also met 20 families of serving military personnel on welfare visit. Mr. M. Srinivasa Ayyangar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Chingleput, visited two villages and spoke on "Small Savings." Mr. Ananthachariar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Conjeeveram, addressed five meetings. Mr. J. G. Christian addressed two meetings and gave three talks.

The Voluntary Speaker Mr. G. Krishnamurthi of Villivakkam visited five villages and addressed 5 public meetings. Mr. B. Boonnel, Lecturer, Christian College, Tambaram, addressed two meetings at Kunnathuram and Tambaram. The Taluk Propagandists in the aggregate toured the required number of days, visited 235 villages, inspected 99 reading circles and visited 63 schools. They pasted 477 posters and distributed 4,285 pamphlets. They also gave 92 talks and delivered 131 lectures. Mr. T. R. Katchapalayam, the ballad master, toured for 17 days, visited 3 schools and taught war songs to the village guards at 13 centres. He sang war songs at two meetings.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer toured for 21 days, visited 10 villages, addressed 11 meetings with an average attendance of about 800 persons and inspected three reading circles. The District Lecturer toured for 24 days, visited 20 villages, and addressed 26 meetings with an average attendance of 600 persons. The Additional Lecturer for scheduled classes toured for 19 days, visited 7 villages and addressed 6 meetings. The Lady Lecturer Mrs. Sarojini, B.A., toured for 16 days, visited 8 places, addressed 6 meetings, and visited 20 families of soldiers. The Ballad Master taught war songs at 12 schools. He attended the refresher course held for the Taluk propagandists at Kalahasti. The Refresher Course was held from 7th March to 10th March 1945.

COIMBATORE.—The District Organizer Mr. R. T. Naidu, B.A., B.L., toured for 11 days, visited 7 places and addressed 7 meetings. The District Lecturer Mr. A. Sithian toured for 13 days, visited 10 villages, checked 7 reading circles and addressed 6 meetings. The Additional Lecturer for scheduled classes Mr. R. T. Kesavalu toured for 25 days, and visited 11 villages in the month under review. The Lady Lecturer Miss A. Manickam toured for 20 days, visited 20 places, checked 11 reading circles, formed one Women's reading circle and addressed 10 meetings. Lady Lecturer Mrs. R. Ranganayaki Ammal toured for 18 days, visited 12 places and addressed 3 meetings. The Ballad Master, Mr. N. E. Balaguru toured for 27 days, visited 23 places and sang war songs.

The Taluk Propagandists of this district toured in their respective jurisdictions and together addressed 194 meetings and checked about 206 reading circles. They also attended the 4th Quarterly Refresher Class held at Erode from 21st to 24th March 1945.

The Fourth Quarterly Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists of this district was inaugurated by Mr. T. R. Sundaram Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Tirupur, on 21st March 1945 at Erode under the presidentship of Mr. N. V. Sugavanam, Revenue Divisional Officer, Erode. Mr. E. M. Annamalai Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Erode, proposed vote of thanks. The course ended on 24th March 1945.

There was a public meeting at 6-45 p.m. under the auspices of the Divisional War Committee and the National War Front, Erode, under the presidentship of Sir T. Austin, K.C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

CUDDAPAH.—The War pamphlets and publicity material received from time to time were distributed to the village officers and reading circles in the district for publicity and propaganda. The officers of the Revenue, Agricultural and National War Front Departments supervised the working of the reading circles during their tours. The Agricultural officers did propaganda work under "Grow More Food" Campaign and explained to the ryots the concessions granted by the Government for increasing the Food production. The District War Executive Committee met on 7th March 1945.

GODAVARI (WEST).—Propaganda work progress satisfactorily through the Taluk War Committees. Intensive propaganda was carried on for the recruitment of labour to the Madras Civil Labour units and for the Savings Campaign. War shorts and magic lantern slides were exhibited in local cinemas. The propaganda material received from time to time was distributed to the local libraries for wide publicity.

GODAVARI (EAST).—The District Organizer, East Godavari, during the course of his tour visited 4 taluks in the district and one sub-taluk, namely, Alamuru. He carried on vigorous propaganda in Cocanada, Peddapur, Pithapur and Ramachandrapur taluks during the course of his 14 days' tour. He addressed dozen meetings in 12 villages.

He inspected six reading circles and got two Victory Houses opened by the Provincial Organizer one at Peddapur and the second at Pithapuram.

The District Lecturer Mr. Sriramamurthi visited 13 villages touring for 18 days in the month. He addressed 27 public meetings and gave 13 talks during the month. He visited 8 schools. He visited 15 soldiers' families. The District Lecturer inspected 10 reading circles touring in 4 taluks. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims was on tour for 13 days in this district, visited six places in four taluks holding 6 meetings and 10 talks. He inspected one reading circle and visited 4 schools.

The Lady Lecturer Mrs. Krishnavenamma toured for 9 days, besides her security education propaganda work at Cocanada for 18 days, along with the other Lady Lecturer. She visited 4 places and covered 3 taluks. She visited 23 schools, displayed posters on Security Education, giving talks on this important topic and also on the National Savings. The Lady Lecturers visited hospitals, libraries, hostels and ladies' clubs and addressed meetings on the Security Education. Mrs. R. L. John toured for 16 days giving talks on Security Education at Cocanada. Both the Lady Lecturers addressed a huge gathering of ladies at Peddapur during Refresher Classes on wheat preparation and the benefits of wheat diet giving practical demonstrations under the presidentship of Mrs. W. T. Benze.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Peddapur, gave his hearty co-operation during the Refresher Classes at Peddapur and made the function a success.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 327 villages and inspected 142 reading circles and visited 117 schools. They addressed 119 meetings and visited 76 soldiers' families. All the Taluk Propagandists attended the Refresher Classes.

GUNTUR.—The District Organizer was on tour for 9 days. He attended the Security Instructor's Training Class at Chirala at the beginning of the month.

The District Lecturer was on tour for 13 days during the month. He visited 13 villages and held 13 meetings and 21 group talks. He also visited 4 reading circles. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes toured for 20 days and visited 15 villages. He conducted 12 meetings and 6 group talks. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims was on tour for 15 days during the month, and visited 8 villages. He addressed 6 meetings and conducted 6 group talks. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Ongole, visited four villages during the month where he conducted 4 meetings. He also visited 2 reading circles.

Over 80 voluntary speakers participated in the public meetings held during the month in the various places in the district. The usual number of about 6 others who have been regularly functioning as honorary speakers also addressed meetings.

The Taluk Propagandists carried on their work well during the month.

The Ballad Master was on tour for 17 days, and visited 12 villages where he held 2 meetings and conducted 5 group talks. During his tours he taught ballads to pupils of schools.

KANARA SOUTH.—The District Organizer toured for 6 days, visited 5 places, addressed 4 meetings, inspected 4 reading circles, and conducted group talks at all places visited by him. He attended meetings of the District Food Council and the Recruitment and Propaganda Sub-Committees of the District War Committee.

The District Lecturer toured for 17 days, addressed 10 meetings, inspected 3 reading circles, and held talks at all places visited. In the first fortnight of the month, the District Lecturer toured and addressed meetings in the Hosdurg sub-taluk in connection with the recruitment work there. He addressed 2 centre teachers' association meetings in the course of his tour and also addressed a special security education meeting at Udipi. The District Lecturer visited 1 high school, 1 middle school and 4 higher elementary schools during his tour in the month. He attended the R.I.N. Rally at Mangalore, assisted in the party given to the Navy Personnel and also visited the battleship where he met the officers and ratings of the R.I.N. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes toured for 16 days, visited 14 villages and addressed 9 meetings. He also visited 8 elementary schools. Further he held 11 informal talks in about 35 houses.

The Lady District Lecturer toured for 15 days, addressed 8 meetings, visited 50 houses, held 50 talks and inspected 5 reading circles. She was also present and co-operated at the party given to the R.I.N. personnel and also met the officers and men of the Naval party on board the battleship. She took active part in the soldiers' family gathering at Hosdurg and also during the recruitment week at the same place. The second Lady Lecturer toured for 15 days, visited 8 places, addressed 6 meetings, visited 8 schools and inspected 5 reading circles. She also visited houses both at headquarters and on tour and held talks with ladies on important aspects of war efforts. She also co-operated with R.I.N. programme in connection with the visit of the R.I.N. party. She also visited the battleship.

The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 20 days, visited 13 villages, addressed 4 meetings and held 4 talks and inspected 1 reading circle.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Udipi and Karkal taluks, toured for 5 days, visited 3 villages, addressed meetings and held 3 talks. The Divisional Organizer, Puttur, did intense work in 5 villages of the taluk.

Voluntary speakers, Messrs. M. Srinivasachari, A. Ramachandra Hegde, J. Vamana, U. Supiabba (Mangalore taluk), K. Nagappaya, Ka. Shivappa Hegde (Udipi taluk), S. Rama Kamath, K. Narayana Hegde (Karkala taluk), and Krishna Bhaktha (Coondapoor taluk) worked satisfactorily and visited schools and reading circles; they also addressed meetings and held talks during their tours.

The Taluk Propagandists carried on propaganda as usual. They visited schools and 54 reading circles were inspected by them. During the second fortnight, the Taluk Propagandists visited 43 houses, addressed 25 meetings and gave 136 talks.

Mr. T. Ubaid, Taluk Propagandist, Hosdurg, actively co-operated with the Recruiting Officers, Kasaragod and Cannanore, and with the Revenue officials in all activities in connection with the Hosdurg sub-taluk recruitment week held from the 4th to the 10th March. He also co-operated with the Taluk Soldiers' Committee in arranging a party to the families of the Defence Service Personnel at Hosdurg on the 10th March 1945. The Ballad Master toured for 18 days and visited 10 places. He gave 14 khatha recitals and also visited many schools and taught war songs to children.

The Tahsildar, Kasaragod, held talks in 5 villages of the taluk and a public meeting was held at the Raja's High School, Nileshwar, to celebrate the Recruitment Day. Twenty candidates were registered for recruitment in the month out of whom 18 were recruited. A sum of Rs. 170 was realized towards the Red Cross Fund and the collections on account of National Savings amounted to Rs. 14,961. The Tahsildar, Udipi, sent up 7 recruits in the month and addressed meetings in the villages visited by him. The Tahsildar, Coondapoor, did propaganda in 5 villages of the taluk.

The Tahsildar, Puttur, reported that 14 recruits were secured during the month and that a vigorous drive was carried on in all directions of war efforts. The Deputy Tahsildar, Belthangady, held talks and meetings in 3 villages of the sub-taluk and a sum of Rs. 960 towards the Savings Campaign was collected during the month. The Deputy Tahsildar, Buntwal, gave talks in 4 villages of the sub-taluk, Rs. 600 were collected for the Savings Certificates and 5 recruits were registered during the month.

The members of the staff at the Coconut Stations, Nileshwar II, Nileshwar III, Kasaragod and Pilicode contributed the following amounts during the month:—

Purchase of Defence Savings Stamps Re. 0–8–0 and Defence Savings Provident Fund Rs. 30.

KISTNA.—The District Lecturer, Sri B. V. Narayana Dev, toured for 21 days, addressed 19 meetings and inspected 3 reading circles. He attended the District War Committee meeting held at Chilakalapudi under the presidency of the Collector, Kistna. He was present at the meeting of District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board held at Chilakalapudi on 24th March 1945. He addressed the public that attended the cattle show exhibition on 20th March 1945 at the Taluk office, Masulipatam, on war topics. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Gudivada, presided over the meeting. He toured along with Sri K. Venkateswaralu, Provincial Municipal Labour Leader, from 1st to 7th March 1945 and addressed meetings at Gollapudi, Penamalur, Motur, and Kowthavaram villages.

The Lady Lecturer, Bezwada, Miss K. Kamalamani, toured for 21 days, visited 13 villages and inspected 5 reading circles. She visited 30 houses and 9 board elementary schools. She had 10 group talks with the villagers. She sold National Savings Certificates worth Rs. 300 at Muppala of Nandigama taluk. The other Lady Lecturer, Masulipatam, toured for 13 days, addressed 11 meetings and inspected 9 reading circles. She visited 32 houses and had 11 group talks. She visited the radio installed place at Gudlavalleru and gave instructions to the officers in charge of them.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Jaggayyapet, Sri V. Purushotham, M.A., L.T., toured for 6 days, delivered 5 lectures and inspected one reading circle. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Nandigama, visited the village Chandrala on 26th February 1945 and inspected the reading circle there. He had informal talks with the villagers and village officers on the Small Savings Scheme. The Honorary Speaker, National War Front, Gudivada, Sri Ch. Venkaiah, toured for 8 days and visited 6 villages. He gave talks on recruitment, etc. The Taluk Propagandists toured several villages in different taluks and carried on intensive propaganda among the people. They visited some soldiers' families and enquired them of their welfare. They visited some board elementary schools and distributed pamphlets and song books among them. The District Ballad Master, M. Thammiraju, toured for 28 days teaching war ballads and songs to the school children and conducting burra-kathas and 10 kalakshepams, in Bezwada, Gannavaram, Gudivada, Nandigama and Jaggayyapet taluks. He visited 26 villages and did war propaganda through the medium of war songs.

Nuzvid Division.—Propaganda meetings were held in the villages of Paidimukkala, Penumatcha, Malakapalli and Kapileswarapuram of Gannavaram taluk by the Tahsildar, Gannavaram. The Deputy Tahsildar, Nuzvid, assembled some

of his village officers and instructed them to check the deserters of the army and enemy agents more enthusiastically. The reading circles were working satisfactorily. Thirty-four recruits were sent up to the various ranks in the army from this division during March 1945.

Bandar Division.—The Revenue Divisional Officer, Bandar, held two propaganda meetings in his tour during March 1945; six recruits were sent up in March 1945.

Gudivada Division.—The Divisional War Committee, Gudivada, met on 25th March 1945. The members were requested to carry on individual propaganda regarding National Savings Scheme and recruitment more vigorously.

KURNOOL.—Two public meetings were held during the month. The Collector presided on both the occasions and spoke about the present war situation.

The personnel of the National War Front Organization convened 291 meetings during the month and carried on propaganda for recruitment, security measures and other subjects relating to war. Two hundred and sixty reading circles were visited by the National War Front Organization during the month. During their tours the National War Front staff visited schools to educate the school children on war subjects. The taluk propagandists and the Ballad Master visited 368 villages during the month.

The Revenue officials held 20 war propaganda meetings during the month.

MADURA.—The District Organizer toured for 7 days in three taluks, visited 9 villages, addressed 7 meetings and inspected 9 reading circles. The District Lecturer toured for 8 days, visited 7 villages, addressed 7 meetings, inspected 6 reading circles, visited three schools and 5 families of soldiers. Lady Lecturer (No. I) toured for 13 days in three taluks, visited 8 villages, addressed 8 meetings, inspected 2 reading circles, visited 7 schools and 3 families of soldiers. Lady Lecturer (No. II) toured for 27 days in four taluks, visited 14 villages, addressed 14 meetings, inspected 7 reading circles, visited 7 schools and 8 families of soldiers. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims toured for 6 days, visited 5 villages, addressed 5 meetings and inspected 2 reading circles. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes attended the war services exhibition held at Madura from 2nd to 11th March 1945.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Madura toured for 20 days, visited 20 villages, addressed 20 meetings, inspected 9 reading circles and visited 3 schools. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Dindigul toured for 18 days, visited 13 villages, addressed 12 public meetings, inspected 10 reading circles and visited 6 families of soldiers. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Palni toured for 14 days, visited 8 villages, addressed 8 meetings, inspected 7 reading circles, visited 5 schools and 10 families of soldiers. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Nilakottai toured for 6 days and visited three villages. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Uthamapalayam inspected 2 reading circles, visited 7 schools and 10 families of soldiers. The Honorary Taluk Organizer of Usilampatti toured for 15 days, visited 11 villages, addressed 10 public meetings, inspected 6 reading circles, visited 6 schools and 39 families of soldiers. The Taluk Propagandists visited 112 villages, inspected 76 reading circles, visited 57 schools and 99 families of soldiers. One hundred and thirty-six reading circles were inspected by the National War Front staff.

The War Services Exhibition was held between 2nd and 11th March 1945. Song publicity troupe toured in this district during this month and gave 11 performances. The Fourth Quarterly Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists was held between 5th and 8th March 1945.

MALABAR.—The District Organizer, National War Front toured four taluks during the 21 days he was on tour and addressed 8 meetings and inspected 4 Reading Circles. The Senior District Lecturer addressed 13 meetings and the Junior District Lecturer 10 meetings. The Lady Lecturers addressed 20 meetings and gave 4 talks. They also visited 31 houses. The Additional Lecturer for scheduled classes addressed 8 meetings and gave 21 talks and inspected 2 Reading Circles. He also visited 145 houses and did intensive propaganda among scheduled classes.

Rao Sahib T. C. Karunakaran, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Calicut, did good work, in organizing a propaganda Camp and Exhibition, at Cannanore. Sri N. Raghava Menon, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Palghat, was present at two meetings in that taluk. Sri I. C. V. Naidu, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Wynaad, did substantial work in organizing meetings in villages and holding a very successful Camp at Wallur Kavu in Wynaad jungle during the temple festival there.

Messrs. P. Narayana Menon, Vidwan C. Suryan Ezhuthachan and Kuttamath Narayana Kurup and Capt. R. C. Toyle delivered speeches at the National War Front meetings.

During the month under review, the Taluk Propagandists addressed 192 meetings and gave 63 talks and inspected 134 Reading Circles. The Propagandist Ballad Master was on tour for 17 days and delivered 10 speeches and gave seven performances (Katha Recitals). The Ottam Thullal Troupes gave 26 performances. The entertainment Supervisor did propaganda.

The half-yearly Refresher course for the National War Front staff of Malabar and Gudalur was held at Calicut during the third week.

Three big gatherings at Cannanore, Tellicherry and Calicut were organized to make the Royal Indian Navy popular. A party of Officers and men of the R.I.N. under Lieut. Commander Boas gave special demonstration. Two objects of the party were to see to the welfare of the men who have joined the Navy and to encourage recruitment to the Navy particularly among the student population.

Two Propaganda Camps and Exhibitions one at Sri Sundareswaram temple at Cannanore and the other at Wallur Kavu at Manantoddy in the Wynaad temple were held simultaneously from 26th to 28th.

RAMNAD.—Propaganda was done this month as usual by way of lectures, pial talks and distribution of literature. Two Refresher Classes were conducted this month one for the benefit of the Taluk Propagandists and the other for the Security Instructors. Sri R. Balakrishna Mudaliyar, District Lecturer, Salem, was appointed the District Organizer of Ramnad and he joined duty on 29th March 1945.

THE NILGIRIS.—Mr. M. Halayya, B.A. (Hons.), Deputy Organizer toured the taluks of Ootacamund and Coonoor for 23 days and addressed 18 public meetings. He checked six reading circles. He rendered assistance to the Collector in arranging a special meeting on Security. He also conducted the Fourth Quarterly Refresher Course at 'Champaka' Coonoor. During his tour the Deputy Organizer also visited many families of soldiers. He attended the District Periodical Conference.

The 5 Taluk Propagandists addressed about 120 meetings. They also checked about 30 reading circles and visited many families of soldiers. All of them attended the fourth quarterly Refresher Course where they were subjected to a rigorous 4 days' training.

About 20 meetings were addressed by the Honorary Organizers and Vountary Speakers. Mr. Lingiah of Kadanad did the best work.

Apart from the Honorary Organizers and Voluntary Speakers many public men helped the National War Front in its activities. Prominent among them were Rev. Lieut.-Col. Wheeler, Lieut.-Col. K. R. K. Ayyangar, Messrs. Nagiah Naidu, C. Matha Gowder, Boja Gowder and Mrs. Paul.

The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes, Mr. R. T. Kesavulu was touring in the district from the middle of the month. He attended also the Fourth Quarterly Refresher Course. The Additional Lecturer addressed a special scheduled castes meeting at Krishnapuram under the presidency of Mr. M. Halayya, Deputy Organizer.

The Ballad Master also attended the fourth Quarterly Refresher Course at Coonoor.

SALEM.—Sri S. Nithiyanandam, B.A. (Hons.), District Organizer, National War Front, Salem, toured for 26 days. He visited 27 villages and addressed 21 public meetings. He inspected 8 reading circles. He also addressed the Soldiers' family gatherings at Omalur and Tiruchengode under the presidentship of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sankari. He addressed the military officers undergoing Rural Reconstruction Training at Salem on the objects of the village security scheme and National War Front. He accompanied the military officers undergoing Rural Reconstruction Training at Salem to a number of villages and explained matters which were of interest to them in the places, the work done by the National War Front, etc.

Sri R. Balakrishna Mudaliyar, B.A., L.T., District Lecturer, National War Front, Salem, toured for 20 days during the month, visited 17 villages and addressed 18 public meetings. He inspected one Reading Circle.

Janab Syed Shaw Ghouse Mohideen Saheb Bahadur, B.A., B.L., toured for 4 days in Salem district visiting 3 places and addressed 3 public meetings. Sri R. Chenni Chettiar, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Harur, toured for 8 days, visited 8 villages, and addressed 8 public meetings. Sri T. V. Anganna Chettiar, Honorary speaker, Harur, toured for 8 days, visited 8 villages and addressed 8 public meetings.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 592 villages during the month, visited 260 reading circles and addressed 230 public meetings. They carried on propaganda by conducting pial talks, etc., and visiting a number of schools. They distributed war leaflets, etc., in villages during their tours and affixed war posters in conspicuous places and poster boards. They also met the families of soldiers and enquired into their grievances.

TANJORE.—The District Organizer, Rao Sahib S. Swayamprakasam, B.A., B.L., toured for 14 days visiting 2 towns and 1 village in 2 taluks and in 1 sub-taluk. He inspected 1 Reading Circle. His stay at Kumbakonam continued till 3rd March 1945 in connection with Mahamaham festival. He conducted the 4th Quarterly Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists at Kumbakonam from 28th February 1945 to 3rd March 1945. He met the Revenue Divisional Officer, Honorary Divisional Organizer and Subdivisional Officer, P. W. S., Mayavaram and had discussion about the construction of the "Hope Cultural Centre" at Tranquebar. He inspected the Village Guards of Tranquebar and Manickappangu and gave necessary instructions to them. He visited the school at Tranquebar and addressed the Public Meeting held under the auspicious of the Young Men's Association on "General War Efforts" and "Security Methods." During his stay at Headquarters, he attended the periodical Conference

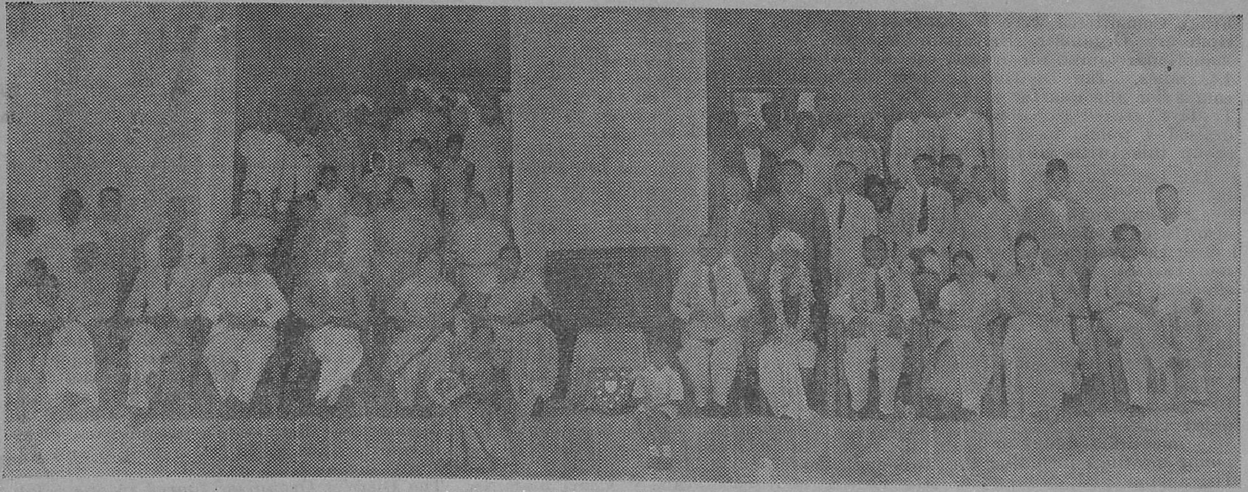

Photo taken on the occasion of unveiling of the commemoration Tablet for the Cricket field at Bellary by Mrs. Annie R. Paul, wife of the Collector on 4th March 1945.

In the photo are seen Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Viswanatha Ayyar and the District Organizers and other officials. The donation of Rs. 3,000 for the laying of the Cricket field was procured by the N.W.F. of Bellary. The Donor Sri Vittal Seshappa Setty is seen seated 2nd on the right of the Tablet and behind him standing are the two District Organizers, Bellary.

and the Food Council Meeting in the Collector's Office. He made arrangements for the visit of the Provincial Organizer, National War Front, Madras, to Tanjore on the 27th.

The District Lecturer Sri. M. Subramaniam toured for 19 days in the taluks of Kumbakonam, Tanjore and Arantangi visiting 10 villages and 2 towns. He inspected 4 Reading Circles, addressed 10 big meetings and 7 ordinary meetings. He also visited 4 Boys' Schools and 1 Girls' School. During the Mahamaham festival at Kumbakonam, he presided over and addressed 5 big public meetings, besides daily speaking at the Exhibition grounds from the 26th February 1945 till 2nd March 1945 on current topics. He attended the 4th Refrsher Course held at Kumbakonam for the Propagandists from 28th February 1945 to 3rd March 1945 and delivered lectures to them.

The Additional Lecturer for Kallars, Sri K. Santhanaswami Peter toured in this district for 8 days from 18th March 1945 to 25th March 1945 visiting 10 villages and inspected 4 Reading Circles. He addressed 7 public meetings and had also 4 informal talks. He visited 8 Soldiers' families.

The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes Sri V. Veeraswami, B.A., toured in this district for 11 days visiting 8 villages and inspecting 3 Reading Circles. He addressed 8 meetings. He also visited 2 Higher Elementary Schools, and spoke to the students and staff on "War situation."

The Additional Lecturer for Muslims, Janab K. H. Sheik Abdul Kadir toured in this district for 8 days visiting 5 villages. He inspected 1 Reading Circle, addressed 5 public meetings and had 5 informal talks. He visited the Nadars' High School at Porayar and addressed the public about the war.

The Lady Lecturer (No. 1) Miss Glory Moses, B.A., toured for 19 days visiting 2 towns and 10 villages and inspected 3 Reading Circles. She visited 6 schools. She addressed 18 public meetings of which 3 were of Ladies' Meetings. She organized 2 Ladies' Reading Circles during the month. She visited 76 houses and did propaganda among women. She attended a public meeting in the Cherry at Vadakudy village. She took active part with the Honorary Lady Speaker Srimathi Ramamirtham Ammal of Koranad, in demonstrating Wheat preparations in the National War Front Exhibition Stall at Kumbakonam during the Mahamaham Festival. She attended the 4th Refresher course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kumbakonam.

The Lady Lecturer (No. 2) Mrs. A. T. Murthy toured for 16 days, visiting 9 villages. She addressed 11 public meetings of which 4 were purely of women. She inspected 8 Reading Circles. She visited 6 schools and spoke to 175 groups of women in several places. She visited 17 Soldiers' families and 1 Maternity and Welfare Centre. She directed 1 lady Miss Lily Rajamani, an old student of Girls' Christian High School, Tanjore, to the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Madras, for W.A.C. (I). She did propaganda work in the Exhibition Stall at Kumbakonam, in demonstrating Wheat Preparation during the Mahamaham Festival. She also attended the 4th Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kumbakonam.

Sri K. Lakshmikantham, B.A., B.L., Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mayavaram, toured for 8 days visiting 11 villages. He inspected 3 Reading Circles and addressed 5 public meetings. He had many informal talks with prominent merchants, trustees of temples and other influential persons about the importance of National Savings Scheme. Sri L. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, Honorary Divisional Orgnizer, Negâpatam, was on tour for 12 days, visited 8 villages and inspected 2 Reading Circles. He attended the Divisional War Committee Meeting held in Negapatam on 12th March 1945 and co-operated with the Revenue Officials in the collection of subscriptions for the National Savings Certificates. He organized 36 meetings in several villages in his jurisdiction. Sri K. Nataraja Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mannargudi, toured for 11 days visiting 4 schools. He inspected 1 Reading Circle. He addressed 7 meetings. He addressed 2 well-attended public meetings at Nidamangalam and Vaduvur, held on 7th and 14th March 1945, respectively. The meetings were presided over by Sri V. R. Krishnaswami Ayyar, M.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Mannargudi. He canvassed subscribers for Small Savings for Rs. 2,000 and remitted the amount into the Post Office and got necessary certificates.

The Honorary Speaker Srimathi Ramamirtham Ammal of Kornad accompanied the Lady Lecturer No. 1 Miss Glory Moses, B.A., during her tours and also did intense propaganda, in demonstrating the preparation of wheat at the National War Front Exhibition Stall, during the Mahamaham Festival at Kumbakonam. She inspected 4 schools and 2 Adi-Dravida Girls' Schools. She inspected 3 Reading Circles.

The Taluk Propagandists in all (20 in number) visited 406 villages and inspected 167 Reading Circles, during their tours in the month. Sri K. Govindarajan, Ballad Master, National War Front, Tanjore, toured for 22 days visiting 9 villages. He visited 12 schools and taught war songs to the school children. He attended 9 public meetings and sang war songs. He also attended the Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists at Kumbakonam.

The Fourth Quarterly Refresher Course of the Taluk Propagandists was held at Kumbakonam from 28th February till 3rd March 1945. The class was opened by Sri K. Nataraja Pillai, the Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mannargudi. In all the 4 days, several officials delivered lectures to the Taluk Propagandists. The District Organizer, the District Lecturer, and 2 Lady Lecturers were all present throughout the training period.

Sri A. Ramaswami Doss, M.A., Commercial Tax Officer, Tanjore and Janab Ghouse Muhamad, M.A., L.T., Personal Assistant to the District Educational Officer, Tanjore, attended the class and delivered lectures. Sri L. Nataraja Moopanar of All-India Radio, Trichinopoly, gave a talk to the Taluk Propagandists on "Security Education and Winning the Peace."

TINNEVELLY.—Week-end Propaganda and recruitment drive meetings were held at Kulathur, Karungulam, Kayalpatnam, Tisayanvilai, Mukkudal and Sivagiri on 3rd, 10th, 11th, 17th, 24th and 31st March 1945, respectively. The District Collector Diwan Bahadur V. N. Visvanatha Rao presided over the meetings at the first four places while the Mukkudal meeting was presided over by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Shermadevi and Janab Mohideen Batcha Sahib Bahadur, Revenue Divisional Officer, Koilpatti, took the chair at Sivagiri. All the meetings were well-attended. The President and the speakers made very impressive speeches on all matters relating to war efforts and also savings movement. The Soldiers' families and children were fed at Kulathur, Karungulam and Tisayanvilai and Sivagiri.

In the meeting at Karungulam the school students of Karungulam, Kongaraya Kurichi, Manakkarai and Seidunganallur entertained the audience with songs and dance.

The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars carried on intensive propaganda in the villages visited by them.

The Officers of the Co-operative Department as usual continued to do propaganda in furtherance of the war efforts, the Grow More Food Campaign and the defence savings campaign in the course of their tours. The National War

Front Committees were working satisfactorily. The Taluk Honorary Organizer, Srivaikuntam, Mr. V. V. Danushkodi Nadar toured for 5 days, visited 8 villages and travelled 186 miles. The District Lecturer attended the refresher course for the quarter held at Papanasam. He toured for 11 days, visited 10 villages, inspected 3 reading circles, addressed 4 public meetings. The District Lecturer had five group talks with villagers visited by him.

The Lady Lecturer toured for 27 days and visited 34 villages. She formed three reading circles for women, checked five reading circles and conducted nine reading circles. She also visited 7 schools and addressed 7 meetings. She visited 12 houses in Radhapuram sub-taluk and Tiruchendur taluk and carried on propaganda among women about the war efforts. The additional Lady Lecturer toured for 27 days, visited 20 villages and 5 schools. She conducted and inspected nine reading circles. She addressed five public meetings. She made house to house propaganda work in Sankarankoil and Ambasamudram taluks.

The additional lecturer for Scheduled castes toured for 13 days visiting nine villages, largely populated by the scheduled classes in Nanguneri, Tinnevelly, Tiruchendur and Ambasamudram taluks of this district. He addressed 8 public meetings including the week-end Conference held at Tisiyanvilai and Mukkudal. He visited two schools and inspected three reading circles. He also enquired into the welfare of the families of 22 soldiers. The Ballad Master toured for 15 days, visited 12 villages and 9 schools. He attended 8 public meetings.

A refresher course for the taluk propagandists was held at Papanasam from 20th to 23rd March 1943. The Collector Diwan Bahadur V. N. Visvanatha Rao, M.A., B.L., inaugurated the course.

Many officials and non-officials addressed the propagandists. Mr. T. J. Jaoquac, District Supply Officer, Tinnevelly and Khan Bahadur M. A. R. Quadir Batcha Sahib Bahadur, Treasury Deputy Collector, Tinnevelly, took special interest in the refresher course and the meetings arranged in this connection. Waste paper collection drives were organized in Tinnevelly taluk.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The District Organizer inaugurated the refresher course for Security Instructors at Srirangam on 9th March 1945 and addressed on security education. Again on 12th March 1945, he inspected the village guards and addressed the Security Instructors at the refresher course. Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., acted as District Organizer from 26th February 1945 to 4th March 1945 and on 24th and 25th March. He toured for 17 days in the month and visited 14 villages. He addressed 10 propaganda meetings. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims Mr. H. Sheik Abdul Kader toured for 5 days in this district and addressed 2 public meetings besides informal talks. Sri Veeraswami, B.A., Additional Lecturer for Scheduled castes, visited 8 villages and addressed 9 propaganda meetings. Mr. K. Santhanaswami Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars and Maravars, etc., addressed 9 public meetings and gave 10 war talks.

Sri V. Srinivasalu Nayudu, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Kulittalai, visited 6 villages in his taluk and did propaganda work. Sri M. Savarimuthu Pillai, voluntary speaker, Musiri, visited 5 villages and addressed 5 propaganda meetings. Sri S. Chellappa, voluntary speaker, Lalgudi, visited 6 villages in his taluk and addressed propaganda meetings. The eleven taluk propagandists in all visited 229 villages and did propaganda work. The District Ballad Master Sri O. V. Narayanaswami visited 14 villages and 1 school in Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks.

The Tahsildar of Trichinopoly held 18 propaganda meetings in all important villages of Trichinopoly taluk. The Tahsildar of Kulittalai held 12 propaganda meetings.

Propaganda meetings were held in the several villages of Ariyalur division according to a previously drawn up programme. Sri W. G. N. Janakiraman, B.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, convened meetings in his tours and addressed the gatherings on war topics.

The officers of the Agricultural department addressed a number of meetings among the villagers and carried on propaganda. The officers of the Educational department also carried on propaganda among students on technical recruitments and the staff of the Registration and Veterinary departments visited the reading circles assigned to them and carried on propaganda on the various aspects of the war.

VIZAGAPATAM.—In all the revenue divisions, the Revenue Divisional Officers, the Taluk Officers, Revenue Inspectors and Taluk Propagandists conducted the usual propaganda meetings during their tours and explained to the villagers the advantages of growing more food crops, savings schemes, etc., and exhorted young men to join the services. A number of war films were screened at Vizianagram, Anakapalle and Vizagapatam.

In Parvatipur division, the Sub-Collector during the course of his tours collected an amount of Rs. 34,163–10–4 in the division so far on behalf of Indian Red Cross. A cattle-show was conducted on 20th and 21st at Parvatipur. There was a large gathering of the ryots and non-officials including zamindars. A drama explaining procurement and rationing was also enacted on the last day of the cattle-show and was appreciated by all. Prizes were distributed to the successful owners and the show was a complete success.

Captain G. T. B. Harvey toured in this district for 3 days and visited 2 security villages. He visited the Victory House and the office of the District Organizer, Vizagapatam, on 15th March 1945. He attended the drama "Pratima-sundari" on 13th March 1945 enacted by the Natali players at Vizagapatam in the Town Hall and spoke about the National War Front organization in the Madras Presidency. He also inspected the office of the Security Supervisor, Vizagapatam. He was present at the performance of Hitler Bhagavatam given by Sri M. N. R. Dikshitulu, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam, on 13th March 1945 at Gopalapatnam.

The District Organizer toured for 1 day and visited 2 security villages. He was present at Gopalapatnam and Malakapuram at the time of inspection of village guards by the Director of War Publicity by the Natali players at Vizagapatam in the Town Hall. He interviewed Fl. Lt. D. M. Wood who toured in this district to recruit candidates for ground jobs in the Indian Air Force and arranged for him two meetings in the C.B.M. High School and Mrs. A.V.N. College. He also interviewed Captain Williams and Captain Wad, Assistant Technical Recruiting Officers of Bezwada. He attended the District War Committee meeting held in the Collector's office on 6th March 1945 and was present at the wheat demonstration held in the District Court premises. The District Organizer toured in one taluk.

The District Lecturer toured for 17 days, spoke at 11 meetings, visited 15 places and inspected 6 reading circles. He, with the manager of the Natali players, made arrangements for the enactment of the dramas in this district during the month under report. The second lecturer toured for 9 days, conducted 6 meetings and inspected 2 reading circles during the first fortnight.

The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled castes toured for 3 days. He was present along with the District Organizer at the wheat demonstration held in the District Court premises on 19th March 1945. He attended the cattle-show at Parvatipur on 21st March 1945. He toured in 1 taluk. The Additional Lecturer for Muslims programmed to tour in this district from 24th March 1945 to 30th March 1945, both days inclusive. He spoke at the Fort Muslim Library and interviewed some prominent Muslim gentlemen of the town. He toured in 1 taluk.

Mrs. T. V. Ramanamma, lady lecturer, toured for 16 days, spoke at 6 meetings and inspected 4 reading circles. She was present at the wheat demonstration held in the District Court premises on 19th Marrh 1945. She enquired about the welfare of some military families.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Narasapatam, toured for 21 days, addressed 21 meetings and inspected 6 reading circles. He toured in 3 taluks. His meeting at Kottakota on 14th March 1945 was presided over by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Narasapatam, and it was attended largely. He arranged 20 harikatha kalakshepams in his division under the auspices of the National War Front and the Bhagavathar of the party carried on propaganda on National War Front campaigns during the course of the performances. All the performances were largely attended.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Anakapalle, spoke on Technical Training Scheme at the meeting organized in the M.H. School, Anakapalle, in connection with the visit of Mr. N. Hari, Assistant Publicity and Recruiting Officer, National Service Tribunal, Madras. The meeting was attended by nearly 200 students.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Palakonda, toured for 13 days, spoke at 13 meetings, inspected 13 reading circles, visited 38 villages and 38 military families and collected 2 viss of waste paper. Two of his meetings were presided over by the Sub-Collector, Parvatipur. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Vizianagram, visited 3 villages, spoke at 5 meetings, inspected 1 reading circle and enquired about 82 military families. He organized a meeting in the college at which F. Lt. D. M. Wood spoke on recruitment. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam, toured for 13 days, addressed 6 meetings and visited 7 villages, and one ration depot. He gave 4 performances of Hitler Bhagavatam (Polipilli, Vollanki, Maddilapalem and Gopalapatnam) during the month under report and the performance at Gopalapatnam was given under the presidency of Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, Madras. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Sompeta, toured for 19 days, visited 6 villages, inspected 3 reading circles, spoke at 5 meetings, inspected 4 poster sites and 2 ration depots and enquired about 9 military families. The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Tekkali, toured for 5 days, visited 12 villages, conducted 5 meetings and inspected 4 reading circles.

The Taluk Propagandists visited 443 villages, inspected 197 reading circles, conducted 160 well-attended meetings, enquired about 294 military families, collected 47 books and 4 viss of waste paper and visited 133 ration depots. They carried on propaganda on all the National War Front Campaigns in co-operation with the Revenue officials. The Taluk Propagandist, Ichapur, visited 5 famine free kitchens during the month.

The Ballad Singer toured for 22 days, and visited 22 places. He did propaganda at the festival held at Polipilli on 26th February 1945 along with the Honorary Divisional Organizer, Bimlipatam, and the Taluk Propagandist, Bimlipatam. He participated in the enactment of Hitler Bagavatam at Gopalapatnam on 13th March 1945 under the presidency of the Director of War Publicity, Madras. He sang war ballads at all places visited by him.

Photo taken on the occasion of the Soldiers' Family Day held at Chintalapudi.

Propaganda Vans

.... 6947, '*Tobruk*'' (*South Arcot*).—The van toured for 19 days covering a total distance of 215 miles. It visited 16 villages and gave 11 film and 4 magic lantern shows and 9 radio recitals. The van was also in attendance on the 24th at Tindivanam in connection with the refresher course for Taluk Propagandists.

MSC. 671 (*Trichinopoly*).—The van toured only for 5 days. It covered a total distance of 76 miles, in the Kulittalai taluk, where it visited 4 villages and gave 4 film shows, 4 magic lantern shows and 4 radio recitals. It was used at the Taluk Soldiers' gathering held on 25th at Kulittalai where it entertained the audience by playing gramophone records and giving a film show.

MSC. 7677 (*Tanjore*).—For an 11 days' tour the van travelled a total distance of 259 miles. It visited 6 villages and 1 town and gave 9 film shows.

MSC. 7160 '*Casablanca*' (*Tinnevelly*).—For a tour of 20 days, the van covered a distance of 462 miles and gave 16 film shows, 16 magic lantern shows and 52 radio recitals. The services of van were utilised for the week-end Recruitment Drive Meetings at Kulathur, Tisayanvalai, Mukkudal and Sivagiri. It also entertained the Soldiers' Children's Gatherings at Kulathur and Tisayanvalai.

MSC. 7162 '*Teheran*' (*South Kanara*).—The van could tour only for 2 days during the month covering a total distance of 12 miles. It visited 2 villages. There were no film shows, or magic lantern shows. The van was in attendance at the party given to the R.I.N at Kadiri, Mangalore on 13th. It was also used at the R.I.N. Rally at Mangalore on the 14th. It could not be taken out for want of a stephey tyre and delay in getting a new battery.

MDU. 28 '*Keren*' (*Madura*).—The van toured only for 8 days outside headquarters, covering a total distance of 689 miles. It visited 7 villages and gave 5 film shows, 2 magic lantern shows and only 5 radio recitals. The van was used extensively in connection with the War Services Exhibition. It accompanied the Song Publicity troup in their tour in the district from 13th March 1945.

MSC. 7759 '*Imphal*' (*Coimbatore*).—The van visited 12 villages during its tour of 19 days and covered a total distance of 484 miles. It gave 15 film shows and 17 radio recitals. It was also used for W.A.R.P.C. in Coimbatore Town.

MSC. 7711 (*Malabar*).—This van toured for 17 days during the month and the total distance covered by it was 555 miles. It visited 19 villages, gave 9 film shows and 13 radio recitals. It had to remain at Calicut for 4 days during the Refresher course.

MDM. 651 '*Kohima*' (*Ramnad*).—The van toured only for 7 days during the month and covered a total distance of 561 miles. It visited only 6 villages, gave 6 film shows, 6 magic lantern shows and 6 radio recitals. The van was used for the announcement of the War Services Exhibition in the Madura City from 1st to 11th March 1945.

MSC. 6946 *Guadalcanal* (*North Arcot*).—The van did not tour during the month as it was under repair at Madras.

MSC. 7161 '*Stalingrad*' (*Chittoor*).—The van toured for 25 days and covered a total distance of 564 miles, visiting 24 villages. It gave 20 film shows, 16 magic lantern shows and 41 radio recitals. The van was used for the Refresher Course, Mahasivarathri festival at Kalastri, for the District Police Sports held at Chittoor and the Inter Taluk Tournament at Puthalput.

MSC. 6983 '*Alamein*' (*Vizagapatam*).—The total mileage covered by the van during the month was 597 miles. For a tour of 21 days, it visited 22 villages. There was no film or magic lantern show. It gave 12 radio recitals.

MSC. 6985 '*Malta*' (*Kistna*).—The van toured for 21 days in Gudivada, Gannavaram, Masulipatam and Bezwada taluks covering a total distance of 354 miles. It gave 19 film shows. The van was used for giving a special film show at Chilakalapudi on the occasion of the meeting of the District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board.

MSC. 7760 (*Kurnool-Cuddapah*).—During the month the van was touring in the Cuddapah district. For 22 days' tour it covered a total distance of 357 miles. It visited 19 villages and gave 19 film shows.

MSC. 7629 '*Naples*' (*Guntur*).—The van could tour only 2 days and covered a total distance of 47 miles. It visited only 2 places and gave 3 film shows. It was also used for the periodical Refresher Course for Taluk Propagandists from 26th to 29th at Guntur.

MSC. 7713 (*East Godavari*).—On a tour of 13 days the van covered a total distance of 166 miles and visited 11 villages. It was also in attendance at Peddapur for the Refresher classes from 10th March 1945 to 13th March 1945. It was also used in connection with a procession at Peddapur during the Refresher Classes and at the opening of the Victory Houses at Peddapur and Pithapur by the Director of War Publicity and Provincial Organizer, National War Front.

MSC. 7638 (*West Godavari*).—The van toured for a fortnight covering a total distance of 201 miles and visited 12 villages and gave 9 film shows and 9 magic lantern shows.

MSC. 6984 '*Orel*' (*Nellore*).—The van toured only for a week, covering a total distance of 85 miles. It visited 5 villages. There were no film or magic lantern shows as the generating engine was out of order. Ten radio recitals were given. The van was used with the Public Address System in connection with the Police Traffic instruction in the town.

MSC. 7665 (*Bellary*).—On a tour of 32 days, the van covered a total distance of 394 miles. It visited 32 villages and gave 12 film shows, 12 magic lantern shows and 30 radio recitals.

MSC. 7704 (*Anantapur*).—The van toured for 18 days and covered a total distance of 378 miles. It visited 11 villages and gave 14 film shows, 12 magic lantern shows and 12 radio recitals. War films were screened through the projector in the van in the Missionary compound at Kadiri and it also exhibited the war films at Gooty and Guntakal Railway Colonies. The van was also used in connection with the Refresher Course at Kadiri and for Car festival at Kadiri on 6th where war films were exhibited.

MSC. 7468 '*Matapan*' (*Salem*).—The van toured only for 10 days covering a total distance of 218 miles and visiting 10 villages. As the generating engine was giving trouble, no film or magic lantern shows were given.

MSC. 7537 (*Nilgiris*).—For a tour of 20 days the van covered a distance of 281 miles. It visited 13 villages and gave 11 magic lantern shows and 12 radio recitals.

MSC. 3438 '*Tunisia*'' (*Chingleput*).—On a tour of 18 days the van covered a total distance of 218 miles. It visited 15 villages and gave 8 film shows, 7 magic lantern shows and 9 radio recitals.

MSC. 7536 (*Madras City Van*).—The van toured for 21 days, covering a total distance of 572 miles. In addition to its usual programme, it was used for the W.A.C.I. Drive till 3rd. It was also used in connection with the Security Drive held in the City.

MSC. 736 (*Morris Van*) *Madras City*.—The van was used for special programmes and announcements in the city.

MSC. 6104 *Military Van*.—This van which is specially allotted for troops shows, was also used in connection with the entertaining Army personnel at Rest and Transit Camps with the films supplied by the Army Kinema section.

War Committees and Depots

The Madras Provincial Propaganda Sub-Committee

There was a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 19th March 1945, the Chairman Mr. G. A. Natesan presiding.

The Chairman announced that the following leaflets had, with the previous approval of the Emergency Committee, been published:

(i) The Royal Indian Navy,
(ii) India's glorious record on the Burma Front,
(iii) Progress of Recruitment in the Madras Presidency.

The following resolution was passed:—

"This Sub-Committee recommends that the Directorate of Public Relations be requested to publish urgently a leaflet explaining the significance of the addition of the term 'Royal' to the 'Indian Air Force', as recently announced, and to forward a copy of the same to the Sub-Committee as early as possible."

The Chairman reported that His Excellency the Governor had ordered that the model airoplane now located in the China Bazaar Road should continue to be kept there as hitherto and that the Corporation would be duly informed of the decision.

The Chairman drew attention to the announcement of the Hon. Member for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, that the National War Front was to be abolished forthwith. Capt. Harvey informed the Committee that so far as this Presidency was concerned, no such action was under consideration.

The monthly reports of propaganda activities received from the Presidents of Various District War Committees were read and recorded.

Information furnished by the Director of War Publicity regarding the activities of the National War Front, the working of the propaganda vans, slides, films and posters was placed before the Sub-Committee.

Reports on the working of the Reading Circles in the districts were also gone through.

The Chairman welcomed the new member, Mr. C. W. Tremenhere, Collector of Madras.

MADRAS.—The Propaganda Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met once during March 1945 and transacted routine work. Mr. V. C. Sundara Rajan, Secretary, broadcast a talk on the 1st March 1945 on the "Savings Drive". He also assisted in the organization of a meeting by the army authorities at the New Globe Theatre, Mount Road, Madras, in connection with the W.A.C. (I.) Recruitment Drive. It was resolved by the Sub-Committee to obtain more copies of "Behind the Head Lines", "Mediterranean Review", and "Far East Bulletin" from the Directorate of Counter Propaganda, New Delhi, with a view to supply them to a large number of reading rooms in the City.

KURNOOL.—A meeting of the District War Committee was held on 17th March 1945 when the Defence Loans Commissioner was also invited. He explained to the Committee the objects of the small savings scheme and sought the co-operation of the members of the Committee for the successful working of the scheme in this district.

MADURA.—The general body of the Dindigul War Committee met on 7th March 1945 at Victory House. The reports of the Victory House and the Committee were read and approved. Ten meetings were organized under the auspices of the Committee. Two of the members Messrs. V. Chendilvelayutham and T. M. Kanthimathi took part in the recent refresher course held at Madura for National War Front personnel.

TINNEVELLY.—The District War Committee met on Monday, the 5th March 1945 in the Collector's bungalow, Tinnevelly, under the presidency of Sri Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, M.A., B.L., Collector and President, District War Committee. Monthly recruitment figures and the review of progress of the savings campaign were read and recorded. The President presented certificates and a medal to non-officials for best work in recruitment to the technical sides of the army and a rotating silver cup to the Tahsildar, Nanguneri, for the largest taluk collections for the Defence Savings.

Soldiers' Welfare Work

MADRAS.—His Excellency the Governor of Madras with his Private Secretary visited the office of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board in No. 56, Broadway, at 11 a.m., on the 28th March 1945. The President of the Board, the Collector of Madras and the Chief Civil Liaison Officer, Madras area, were also present. A report on the working of the Board was presented to His Excellency by Mr. O. P. Chetti, the Secretary of the Board. His Excellency expressed his pleasure at the welfare work of the Board and then he perused the records of the office.

BELLARY (EAST).—Under the auspices of the Rayadrug Taluk Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board a meeting was conducted on 9th March 1945 and it was resolved to construct a building for the Fraser's Recreation Club and to raise funds for the purpose by getting up a benefit performance. Steps were taken to induce the wives of soldiers and disabled soldiers to undergo training in various vocations in the Queen Mary's Technical School, Trichinopoly. Foodgrains and other controlled articles were supplied to the families of soldiers as usual. Soldiers' families were given lands temporarily for raising food crops, etc.

CHINGLEPUT.—His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras, visited the office of the Chingleput District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board, St. Thomas Mount, at 11 a.m. on 24th March 1945. Mr. A. R. MacEwen, C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., Collector of Chingleput district and the President of the Board and Mr. A. S. Nayudu received His Excellency. The Secretary introduced Col. H. R. Irwin, Chief Civil Liaison Officer, Madras Area and the member of the Board and the 10 welfare workers and 2 sevadharnis. The Secretary explained the activities of the Board and presented a statement detailing the work done by the Board. His Excellency gave a short speech.

COIMBATORE.—Under the auspices of the Allied Troops' Hospitality Committee, about 200 British and Indian Troops and Officers were entertained at the Indian Troops' Canteen with tea and a variety entertainment. Again on 20th March 1945, about 600 Indian Troops were entertained in the same place by the Sub-Area with the assistance and co-operation of the Allied Troops' Hospitality Committee.

KURNOOL.—A meeting of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Kurnool, was held on 13th March 1945. The Collector presided over the meeting. The Assistant Civil Liaison Officer, Bangalore, was also present.

MALABAR.—Complaints received from the units and families of serving soldiers were attended to promptly by the Revenue and Police subordinates and the District Soliders', Sailors' and Airmen's Board.

SALEM.—The Taluk Soldiers' Board and the Taluk Welfare Committees were reported to be working satisfactorily.

TANJORE.—The members of the Taluk Soldiers' Committees visited the houses of a few soldiers, ascertained their needs and promptly had their grievances redressed. The District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board attended to the welfare work of the soldiers' families.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The monthly gathering of the families of soldiers, sailors and airmen who are in active service in the present war was organized by the Tahsildar of Kulittalai on 25th March 1945. Sri S. Varadarajulu Nayudu, B.A., B.L., District Munsif, Kulittalai, presided over the meeting. The families of military men were fed and entertained. Speeches were made by Sri K. M. Palaniappa Mudaliyar, B.A., B.L., Divisional Organizer, Kulittalai, Raja Solayar, Voluntary Speaker, Kulittalai, and Miss K. Sivakamu, Lady Lecturer. The District Ballad Master sang war songs and the District Propaganda van exhibited war films.

Similar gathering of soldiers' families was arranged by the Tahsildar of Trichinopoly in the Panchayat Court buildings at Srirangam on 25th March 1945. More than 100 families of soldiers were present. Light refreshment and tea were served. Speeches also were made on the occasion by Sri Sridharan, B.A., L.T., Deputy Inspector of Schools and by the Secretary, District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board, Trichinopoly.

The annual rural recreation sports tournament was held in Town Hall Square on 29th March 1945 under the presidentship of Sri T. Krishnamachariar, M.A., L.T., District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly. A large crowd attended. The finals of Kho-Kho tournament was played and prizes were distributed by the president.

Salvage Collection.

TANJORE.—Small quantities of waste paper were collected in a few places by the Salvage Sub-Committees.

Relief to Starving and Infirm Paupers

Under existing orders starving and infirm paupers found by the Police in the streets of Madras City are fed and sent for admission to the Monegar and Rajah of Venkatagiri Choultry. Sick paupers are sent to the nearest hospital for treatment. When a pauper who has been taken to a hospital is considered by the Medical Officer to be suffering from the effects of starvation, be alone, is then sent to the Choultry. In cases where the senior Medical Officer of the hospital in which the sick or infirm pauper is being treated reports that the patient is not likely to be benefited by further treatment and is incapable of earning his livelihood, the pauper is again sent by the Police to the Choultry. At present, about 50 persons, on an average, are being fed daily at the Monegar and Rajah of Venkatagiri Choultry.

Recently some cases of starving destitutes being found in the streets of Madras City have been reported. The Government have therefore considered it necessary to take steps to provide food and shelter to those destitutes. They have accordingly arranged in consultation with the Board of Management of the Monegar and Rajah of Venkatagiri Choultry that the Choultry will feed such destitutes up to a maximum of 50 persons daily at the cost of Government.

The public are requested to co-operate with the authorities in the matter and to report any case of starving destitutes that they may notice to the nearest Police station.

Village Reading Circles

ANANTAPUR.—The reading circles were working satisfactorily. The Tahsildars and other touring officers of the Revenue Department as well as that of the National War Front inspected them regularly during their tours. The Collector too inspected a few of them in this month.

ARCOT SOUTH.—The District Organizer inspected 21 reading circles during his tour of 20 days; the other National War Front officials together inspected 132 reading circles in the month. The reading circles continued to work satisfactorily. Leaflets and posters were distributed to the more important circles. In the Tindivanam taluk 30 reading circles were converted into National War Front Committees during the month and they functioned both as National War Front Committees and Village Vigilance Committees.

BELLARY (WEST).—All the reading circles received the weekly journal *"Yuddha Sanchika"* regularly. The National War Front staff regularly inspected them during their visits to the villages. All the Taluk Propagandists visited 71 reading circles, Kannada Lecturer 10 reading circles and the Honorary District Organizer, Harpanahalli, 7 reading circles.

CHINGLEPUT.—The working of the reading circles was supervised as usual by the staff of the National War Front during their tours.

COIMBATORE.—The personnel of the National War Front checked about 210 reading circles in March 1945. The lady lecturer Miss A. Manickam formed one women's reading circle in this month. The Victory House in Coimbatore continued to be active in giving correct war news to the public. Pamphlets, posters, etc., were displayed in the Victory House. The *"Yuddha Sanchikas"* and several booklets relating to war were also placed in the Victory House reading room for the use of general public.

TANJORE.—The reading circles inspected by the National War Front staff were working satisfactorily. *"Yuddha Sanchikas"* were supplied to all reading circles by the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, and copies of *Viduthalai* and *Mezhiselvam* were also being supplied to selected reading circles. There were 865 men's reading circles, 48 women's reading circles and 38 National War Front Committees in this district at the commencement of this month. During the month 2 ladies' reading circles were formed by the lady lecturer No. 1, Miss Glory Moses, B.A.

There were two Victory Houses in this district, one at Tanjore and the other at Pattukottai. They attracted a large number of people daily. The Victory Reading Room at Tanjore in the Clock Tower continued to be popular.

TINNEVELLY.—The reading circles were working satisfactorily. The District Organizer conducted the reading circles at Kulathur, Alwartirunagari and Athoor. The officers of Co-operative, Registration and Commercial Tax departments inspected the reading circles.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The District Lecturer Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., inspected 11 reading circles. Sri Veeraswami, B.A., Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Castes, inspected 2 reading circles. Mr. K. Santhanaswami Peter, Additional Lecturer for Kallars and Maravars, inspected 8 reading circles. Miss K. Sivakamu, lady lecturer, inspected 3 reading circles. Sri V. Srinivasalu Nayudu, Honorary Taluk Organizer, Kulittalai, inspected 3 reading circles in his taluk. Sri M. Savarimuthu Pillai, Voluntary Speaker, Musiri, visited 5 reading circles in his taluk. Sri S. Chellappa, Voluntary Speaker, Lalgudy, visited 4 reading circles in his taluk. The eleven Taluk Propagandists inspected 99 reading circles in this district during the month under report. Besides, the staff of the Educational, Agricultural, Registration and Veterinary departments visited a large number of reading circles and most of them were functioning properly.

VIZAGAPATAM.—There were 1,112 reading circles in this district besides 17 reading circles exclusively for women. All were working satisfactorily. The supply of *Desabhimani* to 300 reading circles and the Victory House at Vizagapatam was continued this month also.

Village Security Scheme

ARCOT SOUTH.—Sri A. M. Jacob, Security Officer, toured for 20 days in the month and inspected the work of all the Security Instructors. He helped village guards at headquarters to enter for the District Police Sports. He gave a lecture on Security Education at the Refresher course for Taluk Propagandists. He met the Officer Commanding, the Transport Unit, on the subject of Security Education of Service Personnel. He also met many Revenue and Police officials. The District Organizer made two surprise inspections to check the work of Security Instructors at different places and altogether inspected village guards in 5 villages covering 4 centres out of 10.

COIMBATORE.—The scheme was in force in 40 villages in the taluks of Palladam and Coimbatore and the guards in 35 villages alone received training. The Security Officer Mr. T. N. Palanisami toured for 18 days and inspected the work of the instructors. He also paid several surprise visits to check the work of the instructors.

EAST GODAVARI.—The Security Officer inspected the work of 11 squads during the month. A mass demonstration was staged on the grounds of the Pithapur Rajah's College when nearly 70 guards from six different villages took part in squad drill. Kolatam, folk dances, chedugudu, etc., were displayed before the Provincial Organizer at the time of his visit to Cocanada on 11th March 1945. The Security Scheme was working in all the 44 villages in the district. The third bi-monthly refresher class to the Security Instructors was held at Pithapur and 8 out of 11 Instructors attended. Pole drill and ward drill were introduced for the first time. The District Organizer gave talks to the Security Instructors on Security Education and the Agricultural Demonstrator on Grow More Food.

KISTNA.—The Security Officer, Kistna, Mr. Y. V. Krishna Rao, toured for 25 days and conducted 7 inspections. He inspected the work of the 9 Security Instructors. He made 7 surprise inspections. He conducted the Refresher class for the Security Instructors at Avanigadda, one of the security centres, from 26th February to 2nd March 1945.

SALEM.—The village security scheme was working in 38 villages. A demonstration of the village guards of Pallipalayam was held under the presidentship of a military officer. A football match was played by the guards of Bodinaickampatti with the sepoys at Suramangalam. The Security Officer was on tour for 23 days in the month and conducted 10 inspections and 3 surprise inspections. The Second Month End Refresher Class for the Security Instructors was held at Salem from 24th to 28th February 1945. On 28th February 1945 a demonstration by the village guards of the Alagapuram group was arranged for at Alagapuram in connection with the valedictory function of the Refresher class. Major Nanjundiah of the 2nd Mysore Regiment presided over the functions. Several other military officers were also present on the occasion. The guards staged a demonstration of drill, games, etc. Captain Selvaraj of the same Regiment spoke about life in military camps, etc. Sri R. Ratnaswami Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, and Municipal Chairman, Salem, spoke praising the services and sacrifices of the Indian soldiers and officers.

TANJORE.—The scheme was functioning in 40 villages. The village guards attended the training classes regularly. Village Guards' Associations were formed in many of security villages. The Stick Play Experts engaged the guards in "Fencing." The Security Instructors of Needamangalam, Tanjore town, and Vallam, gave special training to their guards in connection with the Provincial Organizer's visit to their squads. The Security Instructor, Tranquebar, conducted a special demonstration at Tranquebar on 17th March 1945 in the presence of officials and non-officials. The village guards of Chandrapadi also took part in it. The Security Officer toured for 21 days, inspected 7 villages and visited 6 villages. He conducted classes in all the villages inspected by him in this month. He met the Tahsildars at Tanjore and Tiruthuraipundi and requested them to issue necessary instructions to the village headmen concerned for the prompt resubmission of the pay acquittances without delay. He contacted with the Military Authorities of Royal Air Force, Vallam.

Pay of the village guards was completely disbursed till the end of November 1944.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Security Instructors of the district had their Refresher Course at Srirangam between 9th and 12th March 1945 and it was inaugurated by the District Organizer. The Security Supervisor with the assistance of the Security Officer conducted the classes and the training.

The Security Supervisor, Salem, was on tour in this district from 9th to 13th March 1945. He supervised the Refresher course for Security Instructors. The Security Officer was on tour for 24 days in the month inspecting and supervising the guards. On 10th March 1945, the village guards of Kambarasampettai rendered invaluable help and rescued two soldiers involved in a military accident. Sri S. R. Rajamani, Rural Recreation Organizer, visited 31 villages in Trichinopoly taluk, in connection with Rural Recreation Work.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Security Officer toured for 23 days and visited 11 security villages. He inspected the work of all the 7 Security Instructors in his jurisdiction. He made three surprise inspections. He had liaison work with Subedar-Major Aliyar Khan Saheb; Sergeant-Major Fairwether (Field Security Branch); A. S. Khan, C.S.O. III; Lt. Morris, Adjutant and Officer Commanding of the 5th Indian Coast Battery; Capt. Dickson, Field Security Officer; Major Nicholson, Area and Harbour Security

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Recruitment Activities

The Madras Provincial Recruitment Sub-Committee

District Recruitment Sub-Committees.—The District Recruitment Sub-Committees are taking keen interest as usual in furtherance of recruitment. No difficulty seems to have been experienced in getting the required number.

H.E. Sir Arthur Hope Essay Competition on Recruitment.—A good number of essays were received and scrutinized by a committee of Professors of Colleges.

The Madras Provincial Selection Board.—Fifty-one candidates were interviewed during March 1945 of whom 30 were recommended for interview by the Services Selection Board, Bangalore.

MADRAS.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met once during the month under review and recommended one candidate for the grant of King's Commission in His Majesty's Forces.

ANANTAPUR.—Work in this branch was satisfactory. The civil assistance rendered to the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers in the district was good.

SOUTH ARCOT.—Fourteen men were recruited to the Technical Arms of the Defence Services.

CHINGLEPUT.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee met on 24th March 1945 and interviewed candidates for Emergency Commissions.

CHITTOOR.—The members of the recruitment services toured in the district. Ten recruits were sent by the Revenue officials during the month and eight of them were accepted as fit. The Propaganda and the Recruitment Sub-Committee met during the month and interviewed two candidates.

COIMBATORE.—One hundred and twenty-seven recruits were recruited during the month under review. The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and the Assistant Recruiting Officer and the other Recruiting Officers touring the district were met and assisted by the subordinates of the Revenue Department.

CUDDAPAH.—The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars made every possible attempt to convince the villagers and got the maximum number of recruits to the Military, Civil Pioneer Force and the Labour units.

GODAVARI (WEST).—Forty-six men were recruited to the armed forces and 32 persons for the Defence Services during March 1945. Educated young men were encouraged to join the Technical Training Scheme.

GUNTUR.—The Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars assisted the Recruiting staff in recruitment.

KANARA (SOUTH).—The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Cannanore, the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers of Kasaragod and Mangalore, and the officers of the National War Front toured the district as usual for the purposes of recruitment and propaganda activities. The members of the Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee addressed public meetings in the course of their normal tours in various taluks to accelerate recruitment work. So also the members of the Propaganda Sub-Committee. The Revenue subordinates and the officers of other departments too did propaganda work in the course of their normal tours.

As only one application for Emergency Commissions was received during the month, the District Selection Committee did not meet for the month of March 1945.

Tour programmes received from Recruiting Officers were given wide publicity through the official agency and the local press as usual.

KURNOOL.—Sixty-eight residents of Kurnool district were recruited during February 1945. There were three applicants for Emergency Commission during the month. One was rejected by the Collector. One candidate was directed to appear before the Collector for an interview on 12th April 1945. Thirty-eight recruits were sent to the Madras Civil Labour Units.

The District Selection Committee for War Technicians met once during the month and interviewed a candidate applying for the post of an electrician.

MALABAR—Emergency Commission and cadet training school selection.—A meeting of the District Recruitment Sub-Committee was held on 3rd March 1945. Two candidates were interviewed by the Committee. One was selected and the other was found unsuitable and rejected. The selected candidate was found fit physically also. He was recommended for interview by No. 55, Services Selection Board.

War Technicians under the Technical Training Scheme.—The Technical Selection Committee met on 3rd March 1945. One candidate invited was absent. The total number recruited from this district during February was 434. Total number of men from Malabar recruited by all the officers in the month of February 1945 was 487.

TANJORE.—One candidate was finally selected and deputed for training under the Technical Training Scheme. Efforts were made to improve the figures of recruitment.

TINNEVELLY.—One candidate for Emergency Commission was interviewed by the Recruitment Sub-Committee on 27th March 1945 and was rejected. The District Selection Committee of the National Service Labour Tribunal selected 3 candidates for the Technical Training Scheme on 25th March 1945. The number of recruits enrolled by the Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Trivandrum, in this district during February 1945 was 20. The number of recruits sent to the Army through the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, during the month was 133 and the progressive total from 1st November 1940 was 19,167. The number of men sent to the Madras Labour Unit (Home Service) by the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, was 159.

TRICHINOPOLY.—There was an extraordinary public meeting on 1st March 1945 at the Town Hall Square when Mr. W. H. Mitchell, the District Collector, presided and awarded sanads and medals to those Revenue officials and non-officials who were best in Recruitment work. The recipients on that occasion were Sri W. C. Janakiraman, B.A., Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, Sri M. Chandrasekaram Pillai, Tahsildar of Trichinopoly, Sri Achutha Nair, Deputy Tahsildar of Turaiyur, and Sri V. Varadappan, the Revenue Inspector of Manapparai. Mr. James, a member of the District War Committee, was also the recipient of a medal on that occasion. Speeches were also made by Sri Ramanuja Anandar, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Trichinopoly, Sri S. Sooryamoorthy, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Trichinopoly, Sri S. Veeraswami Pathar, M.A., L.T., Personal Assistant to the District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly, and Sri M. Natarajan, M.A., B.L., District Lecturer.

The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on 3rd March 1945 and interviewed three candidates for Emergency Commission. The Revenue Officers assisted recruitment to a very large extent. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, recruited ten men for military during the month. The Deputy Tahsildar of Ariyalur recruited two men for the military and 13 recruits for the Madras Labour Force. The Tahsildar of Kulittalai sent 2 men for the army and 290 men under the Madras and Ceylon Labour Units out of which 230 men were found fit and sent to the different departments. Mr. S. J. James, a member of the District War Committee, sent 17 men during the month under report for recruitment to the army.

VIZAGAPATAM.—F/Lt. D. M. Wood of Bangalore camped at Vizianagram and recruited five candidates for the Indian Air Force. Recruitment to Army, Navy and Air Force was carried out in the district by taluk officers in addition to the usual recruitment done by the recruiting staff in the district.

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Officer; Capt. Eastman, Intelligence Officer of the Sub-Area and Capt. Benson. He arranged a contact meeting between the village guards of Govindapalem and Poodimadaka.

Some of the village guards of Thotapalem group with the stick-play instructor attended to the comforts of an R.A.F. squad who had been to Vizianagram to visit the palace. Practice in sending messages was organized between the village guards of Revupolavaram and the Railway authorities at Narasapatam R.S. The Security Instructors of Thetapalem and Ontithadi, the Sword Instructor and some guards attended the soldiers' families gathering at Vizianagram and did bandobust work. The Sword Instructor gave a demonstration of stick and sword play at the gathering.

The Additional Security Officer toured for 16 days and visited 6 security villages. He inspected the work of the Security Instructors of the Patarlapalle, Srikurmam, Poodivalasa and Ontithadi.

The village guards of Nowpadi group distributed quinine pills given by the anti-malaria department. They also did bandobust work on the Mahasivaratri festival day. The village guards of Poodivalasa, Ramachandrapuram and Kodur assisted in extinguishing a fire which broke out at Mugada on 26th February 1945 and also guarded the property of the villagers. The Boddavalasa guards did bandobust at Polipilli festival (Vizagapatam taluks). The Security Instructor, Poodivalasa, assisted the Taluk Purchasing and Supply Officer in procurement along with the guards of Donkinivalasa. The Security Instructor, Sreekurmam, with the village guards of Sreekurmam did bandobust at the Dola festival held at Sreekurmam.

The War Effort and Government Departments

The Agricultural Department

Finance.—The following contributions were made by the staff of the Department during March 1945:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,001	8	0
(ii) Defence Savings Certificates	4,180	8	0
(iii) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund	22	5	0
(iv) Hundi collections	205	12	0
(v) Defence Savings Stamps	130	4	0
(vi) Defence Savings Bank Deposit	685	0	0
(vii) Small Saving Fund	2,445	0	0
(viii) Victory Loans	1,000	0	0
(ix) War Bonds	2,104	12	0
(x) Prize Bonds	363	0	0
(xi) National Savings Certificates	300	0	0

As usual, the touring staff of the department carried on vigorous propaganda about the glorious achievements of the Allies in all theatres of war and exhorted the public to contribute generously towards the war effort, with men, money and materials for the speedy and successful termination of the war. The advantages of good salary, promotion, etc., open to candidates entering war service, with prospects of absorption in regular Government service after the war, were explained to young and able-bodied men and they were persuaded to join military service. The evils of hoarding and profiteering and the necessity for rationing essential commodities were fully explained to the public and they were exhorted to organize committees, with a view to advise the public about the evils of hoarding food stuffs. Leaflets and other literature on war were read out to them and the contents were explained. They were asked not to believe idle rumours and to read "The Madras War Review". The necessity for preserving absolute silence on matters connected directly or indirectly with war, was brought home to them. Active propaganda towards 'Grow More Food Campaign' was continued as usual and the ryots were advised to fully benefit by the various concessions granted by Government, such as loans to cultivators for the purchase of manures and implements, free gifts of seeds and manures to poor and deserving ryots, free grant of cultivable waste lands and facilities provided for the supply of manure, seed, etc. They were also told that with the view to protecting the interests of the Agricultural community, Government have made arrangements for the supply of iron and steel for agricultural purposes, though these articles were badly needed for the prosecution of war. The Defence Savings Schemes were explained to the public and they were advised to save for the future through the above scheme.

The Co-operative Department

War Propaganda.—Propaganda on all aspects of the war was vigorously continued by the officers and the subordinates of the Co-operative Department. The various leaflets, posters, pamphlets, etc., issued by the National War Front organizations were distributed to the co-operative societies and their contents given wide publicity. They explained to the people at the meetings and at the reading circles, the thrilling victories, that the Allied nations have won in the several theatres of war. They brought home to the public the importance of their liberal contributions to the war funds. The officers exhorted the people to grow more food and vegetables and to save more money by investing their surpluses in Defence Bonds, National Saving Certificates and in Victory loans. They enlightened the people on the several concessions granted by Government, in the matter of conversion of waste lands into wet lands, free issue of seeds and manures by the Agricultural Department and the grant of interest free loans.

Grow More Food Campaign.—The 'Grow More Food Campaign' was pursued with vigour throughout the Province. The pamphlets on 'Grow More Food' and the monthly journal issued by the Agricultural Department were distributed to the public through co-operative societies. Nearly 171 acres of land were brought under cultivation in the Malabar district in the villages of Etacheri, Eramala, Purameri, Nadapuram and Mokeri. The Narasinganallur Agricultural Improvement Co-operative Society in the Tinnevelly district purchased and sold manures to the members to the value of Rs. 290. In the Chingleput district, the Nazarathpettai Loan and Sale society purchased and sold manure to the value of Rs. 1,165 and Rs. 2,445 respectively. The sale societies in the Tinnevelly district sold iron and steel tyres and axles to the value of Rs. 3,142. In the Nilgiris district a sum of Rs. 25,938 was sanctioned by the Central Bank to six co-operative societies for purchase of 1,160 bags of manures on indent through the marketing society. Of these, 524 bags of manure to the value of Rs. 10,325 were supplied to 3 societies by the Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society and 636 bags of manure were pending delivery to 3 more societies. In the West Godavari district the Ellore Municipality consented to sell the compost manure to the co-operative societies on an annual rental of Rs. 4,510 for distribution to the agriculturists.

Distribution of foodstuffs.—The co-operative stores in the Province continued to play a very useful part in the procurement and equitable distribution of foodstuffs and essential commodities including the controlled articles. Two more new stores societies were formed in the Guntur district, two stores societies in the Bellary district and two in the South Arcot district to relieve the food crisis in the areas. In Anantapur district the stores societies at Anantapur, Hindupur, and Tadpatri continued to work the statutory rationing scheme and the Anantapur co-operative wholesale stores continued the purchase and sale of local paddy under the compulsory paddy procurement scheme. The Bellary Central Stores received 5,042 bags of rice and distributed 7,002 bags besides wheat and millet. The Chittoor co-operative wholesale stores was allotted 1,250 tons of rice for export to Salem. The Kurnool Municipality entrusted its entire rationing scheme to the co-operative stores societies working within its limits. Out of the 15 depots opened in the Nandyal Town, 6 were managed by the co-operative stores societies. In Coimbatore district 3 more ration shops were allotted to the Sri Ramalinga Chowdeswari Co-operative Stores by the Rationing Officer. Nineteen co-operative societies were selected as retail distributors in the Pollachi taluk in the rusal rationing scheme. Out of the 2,000 tons of Tanjore paddy and rice allotted to the Ramnad district, 1,325 tons were allotted to the Madura-Ramnad Co-operative Wholesale Stores. The total sales effected by the co-operative stores societies in the districts of South Kanara, Tinnevelly, Guntur, Kistna and Coimbatore were Rs. 8,46,636; Rs. 7,12,011; Rs. 4,70,642; Rs. 2,67,382 and Rs. 2,50,214, respectively, and the total sales effected by the co-operative wholesale stores in the Chingleput, Coimbatore, Tinnevelly, Salem and Vizagapatam districts amounted to Rs. 5,24,658; Rs. 5,15,820; Rs. 3,58,367; Rs. 2,48,931 and Rs. 59,969 respectively. In the Tinnevelly district the credit societies which were permitted to deal in controlled articles, sold articles worth Rs. 15,558. The Guntur Co-operative Wholesale Stores sold firewood to the extent of 248 tons valued at Rs. 6,000 through its 4 depots. It sold 8,228 bags of rice worth Rs. 3,12,636 and 1,443 bags of wheat worth Rs. 28,221. It imported 92,268 maunds of rice and disposed of 92,598 maunds through its branches. The 4 stores societies in the Palamcottah-Tinnevelly Municipal limits sold fuel to the extent of Rs. 12,951. The sales effected in the 2 depots opened at Avadi by the Chingleput Co-operative wholesale stores for the labourers employed by the Military amounted to Rs. 14,873. It executed war orders for the supply of rice, sugar and wheat to the military to the extent of Rs. 2,288. The Vizagapatam co-operative wholesale stores distributed 525 bags of rice, 1,476 bags of ragi and 112 bags of cholam. The Salem City Co-operative Stores purchased and sold articles to the extent of Rs. 1,58,000 and Rs. 1,58,011, respectively.

National Savings Scheme.—The investment made by co-operative banks and societies and of the officers of the co-operative department in various forms of defence savings from 1st April 1944 to 28th February 1945 amounted to Rs. 46,84,263.

War Orders.—The Madras and Coimbatore Milk Supply Unions continued to supply milk and its by-products to the military. The quantity of milk and by-products supplied by them during the month was as follows:—

	Madras Milk Supply Union.	Coimbatore Milk Supply Union.
Variety—	LB.	LB.
Milk	221,288	141,772
Butter ..	..	7,108
Cream	..	102

The execution of war orders was confined to textile goods and was done by weavers' societies at the several centres controlled and guided by the Handloom Weavers' Provincial Co-operative Society, Limited.

The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society supplied 168 bags of potatoes to the value of Rs. 4,452 for military consumption. The Kodur Fruit Growers and Pithapuram vegetable growers co-operative society continued to supply fruits and vegetables to the military. The fruit growers co-operative society at Rajahmundry was arranging to supply mangoes to the military at Vizagapatam.

The Connemara Public Library

The different pamphlets, maps and pictures that were received at this library were regularly placed on the readers' table for the use of the public, the latest items received being (1) Neptune for the use of the Merchant Seamen, (2) Air Sea Rescue, (3) War in Pictures, (4) 'India's Part in the Fourth Year of War' issued by the War Department, (5) Political Wings over Europe, (6) Political Wings over Britain, (7) United Nations Bulletin, (8) Publications of the United States Office of War Information, Hornby Road, Bombay, (9) United News Action Pictures from the Battle of Normandy, (10) War Pictures by British Artists, (11) Far Eastern Bulletin and (12) Journal 'United States of America'.

The Librarian was subscribing as usual, Rs. 40 a month to the Defence Savings Provident Fund.

The Education Department

A sum of Rs. 50 was collected from the members of the staff of the Director of Public Instruction's office and out of this sum five Prize Bonds were purchased.

Six applications from the subordinates of this department for posts in the Defence Services were received and forwarded with the Director of Public Instruction's recommendations. Of these four were Emergency Commissions. In

addition, 3 applications from students of Government Colleges for Emergency Commissions were received and forwarded to the Provincial Selection Board.

The Industrial Department.

Industrial Engineering Section—Madras Subdivision.—2 H.B. sets were continued to work in putting down trial borings for drinking water.

Chingleput Subdivision.—3 H.B. sets, 1 P.D. set and 1 T.E. set were engaged in putting down trial borings and supplying water to the military personnel.

Coimbatore Division.—1 T.E. was engaged throughout the month for supplying water.

Tanjore Division.—The 4 inches pumping sets and 1 T.E. set continued to be utilized throughout the month for pumping water for drinking purposes.

Bezwada Division.—The air-compressor unit was supplying water from the borewells.

Sericultural Section—(1) *Mulberry Expansion.*—The propaganda in connection with the grow more mulberry campaign was continued. In Kollegal taluk 23 loan applications for a total sum of Rs. 3,375 and 12 applications for assignment of assessed waste lands to an extent of 16 acres were collected and forwarded to the Revenue Department and Rs. 13,300 was disbursed by the above department as loans for mulberry cultivation.

(2) *Seed supply.*—Production of disease-free layings in the Government and aided grainages during the month of March was 80,000 and 100,000, respectively.

(3) *Seed Cocoon supply.*—A quantity of 1,130,220 pure Mysore seed cocoons was drawn from the seed areas. A quantity of 10,323 pure Mysore disease-free layings was prepared in the grainage intended to meet the demands of the seed rearers.

(4) *Supply of Cocoons to the Filatures.*—The two filatures at Kollegal were supplied with 118,852 lb. of good quality cocoons for reeling. A sum of Rs. 65 was collected towards the National Savings Certificate.

Government School of Technology, Madras.—The training of War Technicians continued to progress satisfactorily during the month under report. There were 116 Technicians in the school under training in various trades.

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—Most of the Institute staff was continued to be borne on the A.R.P. Subsidiary Scheme. A.R.P. practice classes were held.

Government Industrial School, Bellary.—There were 22 fitter trainees on rolls. The progress and the attendance of the trainees were satisfactory.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—The school gave intensive training in various trades to about 289 trainees during the month. Twenty-two trainees were despatched to Army Units. The night shift worked as usual. The training centre participated in the War Services Exhibition held at the Race Course, Madura, between 2nd to 11th March 1945. Various exhibits, being the hand work of the trainees, were displayed.

Government Silk Filatures, Kollegal.—The Government filatures continued to produce raw silk suitable for the manufacture of parachute and their components.

The total quantity of silk produced was 3,341 lb. 8 oz. Only 175 basins worked per day.

War Supplies Section.—The following items of stores were supplied during the month:—

1. File Handles, Small	95 2/3 dozen.
2. Cotton nets 35' × 15'	255 Nos.
3. Pit Hate	5,821 ,,

The total value of the above stores is Rs. 22,750.

Fisheries Section.—A sum of Rs. 1,900 was collected towards purchasing National Savings Certificates and Rs. 300 towards the purchase of Victory Bonds.

The Museum Theatre

The use of the Museum Theatre was given free of rent and other charges during March 1945 for the following performances:—

13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th March (5 days).	Madras Dramatic Society.	Performances for Amenities for troops and H.E. the Governor's War Fund.
24th and 31st March (2 days).	Army Welfare Officer for Garrison Theatre Productions and Indian Southern Army Concert Party.	Performances for the benefit of troops.

The Madras Record Office

A sum of Rs. 72 was subscribed to the Defence Savings Provident Fund by the officers and staff of this office. They also contributed Rs. 28 for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. The Curator continued to contribute 11 per cent of his salary towards the Defence Savings Provident Fund and Certificates.

The Medical Department

Ten final-year students of Medical Colleges were deputed to visit the Training and Depot Centre, I.A.M.C., Deolali South, during the month of March 1945.

One meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.M.S.) Recruitment Committee and one meeting of the Madras Provincial (I.A.M.C.) Recruitment Committee were held during the month to select candidates for Emergency Commissions in the I.M.S. and the I.A.M.C., respectively.

The Military Recruiting Officer carried out his touring propaganda duties in connection with recruitment to the I.A.M.C. as usual.

In order to give a further impetus to recruitment to the I.A.M.C., Dr. A. Viswanathan, Editor, Indian Medical Journal, Madras, was appointed as Principal Touring Officer to carry on intensive propaganda work in connection with recruitment to the I.A.M.C. throughout the Province for a further period of six months, in collaboration with a few Regional Touring Officers and the Military Recruiting Officer employed for that purpose.

Recruitment to the various categories of Military Medical Services and the Indian Military Nursing Service (Temporary) was continued during the month.

The training of candidates for the A.N.S. continued as usual during the month under report.

The Public Health Department

The Public Health staff delivered a large number of talks and lectures with and without magic lantern demonstrations and persuaded the people to recruit themselves for war services, and attended to the sanitation of houses of soldiers' families.

The Police Department

A sum of Rs. 85–13–10 was subscribed by men of the Madras City Police towards the War Fund and 20 police constables of the Madras City Police donated their blood to the Blood Bank in March 1945

The Port Trust

The following contributions were made by the officers and staff of this department towards War effort for the month of March 1945:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1 Defence Savings Provident Fund	433	0	0
2 Five-year interest-free prize bonds	10	0	0
3 Post Office 10-years Defence Savings Certificates	5	4	0
4 Twelve-year National Savings Certificates	20	0	0
5 Defence Savings Stamps	57	0	0

The Registration Department

Sub-Registrars in charge of Reading Circles continued to do propaganda in the month for the promotion of War efforts. The people were enlightened about the present war situation, advised to grow more food to meet the requirements of the public, to contribute their mite towards war efforts and to advise their school-going boys to join technician centres in their own interests.

Two persons from the staff of this department were selected for appointment in the Defence Services.

The officers of this department realized the following amounts by voluntary contribution from the public towards:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) National Savings Certificates	26,631	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bonds	33,405	8	0
(iii) Defence Savings Bank Account	7,348	0	0
(iv) His Excellency the Governor's War Fund ..	292	7	0

The following contributions were made by the Registration staff towards the following funds:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Defence Savings Provident Fund	908	0	0
(ii) Defence Savings Bank Account	1,006	0	0

The Veterinary Department

Finance.—During the month, a sum of Rs. 5 was donated by the members of the department and another sum of Rs. 180 was collected in hundi boxes kept at the veterinary institutions and remitted towards His Excellency the Madras Governor's War Fund. Defence Savings Certificates and stamps and Prize Bonds to the value of Rs. 66 were purchased by the staff. A sum of Rs. 806–8–0 was contributed by the staff of the department towards Defence Savings Provident Fund.

Propaganda.—Propaganda on the usual lines continued to be done by the staff of this department for increasing the war effort. The department took part in the War Services Exhibition held at Madura early in March 1945 and provided exhibits in two stalls, one a Veterinary and Poultry sections and the other Livestock section including a model dairy.

Education and Entertainment

MADRAS.—Security Drive pamphlets in different languages were received and distributed during the month.

BELLARY WEST.—Special posters were displayed on the occasion of the unveiling ceremony of the commemoration tablet of the Tungabhadra Project at Mallapuram. National War Front flags were hoisted and poster boards were erected. The Victory House was decorated with posters and pictures. A special programme for explaining the posters was included in the street dramas enacted.

All the cinema theatres exhibited weekly News Parade films and information films of India supplied from the Department of Information and Broadcasting, Madras Branch.

CUDDAPAH.—War pictures and National Savings slides were exhibited in the cinema halls in the district.

KANARA SOUTH.—Magic-lantern slides were exhibited in 10 different centres of Beltangadi sub-taluk. The Taluk Propagandist was in charge of the exhibition and addressed the gatherings.

KISTNA.—All literature and posters received were given effective distribution all over the district. They were prominently exhibited by the Taluk Propagandists in their respective taluks.

KURNOOL.—The Taluk Propagandist, Nandikotkur, conducted magic-lantern shows during the month in Nandikotkur taluk.

SALEM.—The posters, war reviews and other propaganda materials received from the Madras Provincial War Committee were promptly distributed throughout this district.

The kalakshepam party was on tour for 23 days and gave 15 performances in four taluks. The performances were greatly appreciated by the villagers. By means of war songs, puranic stories, etc., propaganda was done on war situation, attrocities of the Axis powers, savings, enemy agents, etc. The party gave performance at the Soldiers' Family gatherings at Omalur and Trichengode.

Posters, pamphlets and leaflets, etc., received were distributed through Taluk Offices and Taluk Propagandists. The posters have been exhibited in prominent places and in poster boards. Special attention was given to the distribution of the leaflets of savings scheme and security education. The Victory Houses at Salem, Namakkal, Krishnagiri and Omalur continued to work well.

TANJORE.—War shorts were exhibited in the cinemas. Wide publicity was given to the war posters and other literature supplied from time to time.

A Military Film Unit exhibited a show at Kumbakonam at 8 p.m. on 24th March 1945 at the Town High School gardens. A large gathering attended the show. The films exhibited were all well-selected war pictures, and they left a good impression in the minds of the audience, in favour of war effort, especially recruitment.

The permanent cinema theatres of this district exhibited National War Front slides and Military Welfare slides. The staff of the Public Health Department exhibited slides through the magic-lantern supplied to them.

Pamphlets and leaflets received from time to time from the Director of War Publicity, Madras, and the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, were properly distributed by the National War Front staff to the public institutions, libraries, reading rooms and reading circles. Posters on "Money, Money, Money," "Currency Notes," "Save now for the future," "Save for me for the future," "A very good news regarding the mixed diet of wheat and rice," "Don't supply the missing link," etc., were also widely distributed and prominently exhibited, in all the public places, victory houses, reading rooms, etc.

TINNEVELLY.—The Army Mobile Film Unit visited this district during the month and exhibited war films at Tinnevelly, Tenkasi and Koilpatti. The shows were seen and appreciated by large crowds at these centres.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Slides were exhibited in the cinema theatres in the district. The leaflets and the posters received were promptly despatched to the National War Front and Revenue officials in the district. Posters were pasted at important places in the district.

Grow More Food

TANJORE.—With the help of the Special Revenue staff, the ryots in the New Delta have newly reclaimed an extent of 952 acres in the past two months.

MEDICAL LICENTIATES FOR HUMANITY

This great World War is now reaching its final phase. Achieving the downfall of Japan will inevitably bring its toll of casualties. These wounded men will need all the help, care and sympathy that the Medical profession can give them. Many hundreds of Army doctors will, through their service to the wounded, gain the experience which will give them even greater skill to use in the service of humanity when peace returns. You should volunteer now for service with the Indian Army Medical Corps. Qualifications. Applicants should be fit for military duty and normally below 45 years of age. They should possess the L.C.P.S., L.S.M.F., L.M.P., L.M.P. or an equivalent qualification.

TERMS OF SERVICE

"A" Class Service. This provides for general service and gives medical men an opportunity for service experience overseas. Prospects of promotion are excellent. Pay rises from Rs. 400 for a 2nd Lieut. to Rs. 1,350 for a Lieut.-Colonel. "B" Class service. This class is for service within Indian limits only. Maximum promotion in this class is to Captain. Pay rises from Rs. 250 for a 2nd Lieut. to Rs. 550 for a Captain.

Allowances (Both Classes) Specialist Pay: amounting to Rs. 100 per mensem extra for officers appointed as Specialists. Charge or Command Pay, From Rs. 30 to Rs. 240 per mensem extra for officers holding certain specified appointments. Outfit Allowance, Rs. 733 on first appointment. Advance of Pay. Up to Rs. 300 on first appointment. Gratuity. One month's average pay for each completed year of service on release from the Army. Disability. Family and Widow's Pensions. Children's and Educational Allowances as laid down in Regulations. Separation Allowance, Travelling Allowances and Leave Concessions as for other officers of the Indian Land Forces.

Full particulars may be obtained from the head of the Provincial Medical Department (Surgeon-General or Inspector-General of Civil Hospital) or from the Officers Commanding, Indian Military Hospitals, or from the Director of Medical Services, G H.Q. New Delhi, or from the Director-General. Indian Medical Service, New Delhi.

INDIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Review of Radio Programmes

Madras

Security education, the industrial and agricultural problems of post-war India, the campaign against black markets and profiteering and the role of women and students in the defence services were main features of war programmes broadcast from A.I.R., Madras, during March 1945.

In inaugurating the Security Education Week on 4th March 1945, Lieut.-Commander Bruce Belfrage explained in an electrically recorded speech the need for absolute secrecy in war. The next day, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief Sir Claude Auchinleck pointed out that the essence of success lay in surprising the enemy—in confronting him with the unexpected. The enemy must therefore be denied all means of obtaining information as to our intentions. The broadcasts were continued up to 10th March 1945 following on the morning English news bulletin each day; they included among others, recorded talks by Air Vice Marshal M. Thomas and Major-General Cawthorn, Director of Intelligence, India Command.

In the series of special talks designed to give publicity to post-war problems of India, there were two important broadcasts during the month. Diwan Bahadur D. Ananda Rao, former Director of Agriculture, Government of Madras, spoke on 7th March 1945 and pleaded for better cattle for sustained improvement in agriculture. The other talk 'Planning Industries' was by Mr. T. Sivasankar, Secretary, Development Department, Madras Government. He deplored the lack of an All-India plan for industrial development and laid stress on the need for trained and competent men to execute the schemes when formulated. "Cottage industries" was the subject of a talk broadcast on 13th March 1945 by Pro. M. Venkatarangiah. In his opinion there can be no room for pessimism as regards prospects for small scale cottage industries in India provided the craftsmen adopt a more scientific basis and business outlook.

Speaking in another series of talks entitled "Psychology and Post-war Work", Dr. G. D. Boaz of the Madras University said that the success of all plans for industrial and economic development of the country depends on how we plan the future education of our young men. He pleaded for an entirely new conception of the task and purposes of education which would bring radical changes in our system. A note of warning that the human factor should not be forgotten to be taken into account in our industrial schemes was sounded by Mr. K. O. Anthony, Labour Welfare Officer, B. & C. Mills, Madras, in his talk on "Amenities for Labour" on 22nd March 1945. Fair conditions both of work and relaxation should be provided for labourers.

In the series of talks entitled "The Common Cause", publicity was given to the National Savings movement. Mr. V. C. Soundararajan speaking on 1st March 1945 appealed to the people to save as much as they can in their own interests as well as in the interest of the nation. Saving for the future, he said was the best means of fighting the bad effects of the present inflation. Mr. T. B. Nityanandam spoke in Tamil on 30th March 1945 on the same subject with special reference to Prize Bonds.

There were regular broadcasts explaining the provisions of the notifications under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance. The need for alertness on the part of the public in bringing to book those who deal in black markets was stressed in a talk on 6th March 1945. Publicity was also given to convictions under the ordinance with a view to educate the public and also to deter profiteers from their dangerous course.

The drive for recruitment to the various services received attention in more than one broadcast. Mr. Sundaravaradan in a speech on 29th March 1945 detailed the new avenues of employment open to young men and said that students should on no account miss this opportunity for choosing a career of their own. On 10th March 1945, Miss Mary Masilamani explained how best Indian women can serve the country at this juncture. She appealed to her sisters to join the W.A.C. (I.) in large numbers.

The war against Japan continued to be featured in rural programmes as well as in special talks. The speakers on the subject described how fear has overwhelmed Japan and how the Nazi war machine crumbled to pieces. Mr. C. S. Bhushanam exposed in his talk on 23rd March 1945, the idea of Japanese co-prosperity by instancing the fate of Burma.

There were five important talks during the month analysing Axis propaganda. On 8th March 1945, Mr. Gopinath Roy said that a new note of disappointment is to be seen in the propaganda machine of the Nazis.

The war in the air continued to be described in the weekly broadcasts arranged in collaboration with the East Asia Command. Considerable publicity was given to the heroism of the Madrasi soldiers fighting in the various theatres of the war in the programme, "Fighting Forces" arranged by the Southern Army Public Relations Directorate.

There were regular relays from the B.B.C. of Mr. Wickham Steed's "World Affairs" in addition to the new series of talks entitled "Politics of Freedom".

In Malayalam and Kannada war talks were continued to be broadcast every evening with weekly reviews on Sundays.

The total number of war items broadcast during the month was 151 including war songs in rural programmes and slogans at punctuation points during transmissions.

Trichinopoly

As the Allied Forces tightened their grip on Germany and as the day of Victory was drawing nearer the need for greater caution and discretion in speech and correspondence is becoming pronounced. In pursuance of this important aspect of War Effort Officers who could speak with authority in security matters came forward to educate the public and advantage was taken of this to broadcast electrical recordings of their talks on Madras and Trichinopoly wavelengths. There was a series of talks concentrated on the same theme and Rao Sahib L. N. Paramasivam Pillai, Y. Ismail Khan, N. Venugopal Ayyar and Thomas Varughese appealed for public co-operation with the authorities in observing security silence and refraining from careless talk and correspondence and denying information to the enemy.

Post-war reconstruction schemes continued to hold attention, and several members of the Provincial Committee for Reconstruction were invited to broadcast on the various aspects of the post-war schemes. Rao Bahadur V. S. Tyagaraja Mudaliyar of Vadapadimangalam analysed Agricultural needs and developments, Mr. J. L. P. Roche Victoria, M.L.A., discussed Reconstruction Finance and Mr. G. D. Nayudu spoke on the Industrial Development of India to-morrow.

Sir Srinivasa Sarma who recently returned after a tour in the United Kingdom and the United States of America gave the listeners his impressions of war-time Britain. Mr. H. C. Papworth, O.B.E., Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Travancore University in his address to University Students explained the scheme for training University students in aviation and the opportunity for youth in the Air Force at present and as pioneers of Civil Aviation in Post-war India. The other series of broadcasts as Background to the News, Ourselves and the War and the several relays of discussions on the Politics of Freedom continued to be as popular as ever.

HOME COMFORT, LIKE HAPPINESS, HAS TO BE PLANNED IN ADVANCE

Happy the man who can afford those small luxuries without which home life is such a dull existence! The radio, the telephone, flowers, toys for the children—these are the differences between the man who HAS and he who HAS NOT. And they will be available in plenty after the war. But you cannot find the money for all these things out of one, or even three months' income.

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